Postgraduate Accounting
Master of Professional Accounting

Are you considering a career in Accounting?

Do you hold an undergraduate degree or equivalent?

Are you seeking CPA Australia, CAANZ or IPA accreditation?

Having an Australian undergraduate degree or equivalent in any discipline plus some business experience allows you access to a Masters degree in Accounting, and satisfies the pre-entry educational requirements of the CPA Australia, CAANZ and the IPA.

ACCREDITATION
Accredited by CPA Australia, Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand (CAANZ) and the Institute of Public Accountants (IPA).

ADMISSION
Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree, or higher, in business OR Successfully completed a Graduate Certificate in any discipline.

COURSE STRUCTURE
Qualification for this award requires successful completion of 120 credit points which comprises the core units listed.

EXIT AWARD
2790 Graduate Certificate in Accounting
40 credit points of any approved core units within course 2689.

CORE UNITS
Recommended Sequence of 12 Units
200396 Introductory Accounting
200425 Economics
200432 Commercial Law
200426 Corporate Finance
200494 Management Accounting
200433 Company Law
200400 Company Accounting
200399 Information Systems for Accountants
200401 Accounting Theory and Applications
200398 Auditing
200693 Accounting Professional Engagement
200869 Principles of Taxation
The Master of Professional Accounting (Advanced) equips students with an in depth theoretical knowledge of accounting. Students gain knowledge, skills and expertise that enable them to become professional accounting practitioners and satisfy the pre-entry educational requirements for CPA Australia, Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand (CAANZ) and the Institute of Public Accountants (IPA).

The course delivers a contemporary education in accounting principles and procedures supported by knowledge of associated disciplines of law, economics and finance. Students learn to apply accounting concepts, theories and models through a range of individual and collaborative means using a blended learning design that draws from industry relevant projects with exposure to realistic business problems.

It can also be taken as an extension of the Master of Professional Accounting as it contains the same 12 core units as the Master of Professional Accounting, plus four additional electives.

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**ADMISSION**
Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree, or higher, in any discipline OR Successfully completed a Graduate Certificate.

International applicants must achieve IELTS 6.5 overall score with a minimum 6.0 in each subset or equivalent English language proficiency.

**COURSE STRUCTURE**
Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 160 credit points which include 12 core units and four electives from postgraduate Business units, to be approved by the Academic Course Advisor.

For more information on electives please contact the Academic Course Advisor.

**EXIT AWARD**
2790 Graduate Certificate in Accounting
40 credit points of any approved core units within course 2815.

**CORE UNITS**
- 200396 Introductory Accounting
- 200425 Economics
- 200432 Commercial Law
- 200426 Corporate Finance
- 200494 Management Accounting
- 200453 Company Law
- 200400 Company Accounting
- 200399 Information Systems for Accountants
- 200401 Accounting Theory and Applications
- 200398 Auditing
- 200869 Principles of Taxation
- 200693 Accounting Professional Engagement

Plus four elective units
Graduate Certificate in Accounting

This course is designed for those students who need to complete a minimum of four units to aid in achieving the educational requirements for admission to professional accounting bodies.

It is also a course that is designed to allow students who do not meet the direct entry requirements into the Accounting Masters a pathway to progress to the Accounting Masters programs.

**ADMISSION**
Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree, or higher, in any discipline
Or successfully completed an Associate Degree, or higher, in a business discipline
Or successfully completed an Advanced Diploma, or higher, in a business discipline AND have a minimum of five (5) years general work experience in a related field
Or have a minimum of three years full-time equivalent managerial/professional work experience in a related field
Or submitted other evidence of general and professional qualifications that demonstrates potential to pursue graduate studies.

**COURSE STRUCTURE**
Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 40 credit points which consists of 30 credit points core units listed below and 10 credit points alternate units from the pool.

**CORE UNITS**
- 200396 Introductory Accounting
- 200432 Commercial Law
- 200494 Management Accounting

**Alternate Units**
- 200426 Corporate Finance
- 200425 Economics
- 200399 Information Systems for Accountants
- 200433 Company Law
- 200400 Company Accounting
- 200398 Auditing
- 200401 Accounting Theory and Applications
Or any other business unit with the approval of the Director Academic Program.

**EXIT AWARD**
Students wishing to exit from the 2689 Master of Professional Accounting or 2815 Master of Professional Accounting (Advanced) may be awarded a Graduate Certificate in Accounting on completion of 40 credit points of approved units.
Accounting jobs today require expertise and the ability to communicate. By studying the Accounting program at SGS you will be provided the opportunity to think critically and communicate effectively whilst engaging with the community through industry partnerships.

Our courses meet the pre-entry educational requirements for CPA Australia, Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand (CAANZ) and the Institute of Public Accountants (IPA).

Lloyd D’Silva graduated with a Postgraduate Accounting degree from Western Sydney University in 2010. In his current role, Lloyd is responsible for management accounting and financial reporting for a group of companies. Every day, he applies many of his learnings from Western Sydney University.

“I learnt valuable principles that I still use today – like the basic concepts of revenue recognition and expenses accrual applied to complex transactions.

“I found the Western Sydney University lecturers to be experienced and well regarded in the field. Many had industry knowledge and their ability to translate academic learning into real-world scenarios added real value. Several lecturers really challenged me to think outside the square and apply learning in different ways.

“Course delivery was mainly face-to-face, with lectures, onsite tutorials and an online portal for correspondence, announcements and submitting assignments. Studying was flexible, with most subjects offering a choice of daytime or evening classes. That made it easier for me, as I was working parttime in accounting while studying – I scheduled classes to suit my workload and other commitments.

“My studies at Western Sydney University have been fundamental to my professional career.
WHY POSTGRADUATE STUDY AT WESTERN SYDNEY?

You’ve come a long way. Go further.

Located in the heart of one of Australia’s fastest growing economic regions, Western Sydney University offers unlimited potential to students with the drive, ambition and will to succeed.

Ranked amongst the top two per cent of universities on the globe, Western Sydney is a world-class university with a growing international reach and reputation for academic excellence and impact-driven research.

To take your career to the next level, you need more than classrooms, more than theory. That’s why we offer a combination of on campus learning environments, with real-life, on-the-ground, hands-on opportunities for skill development in professional and community settings. We value academic excellence, integrity and the pursuit of knowledge.

We equip our students with the means to do more than just advance their careers. We are unlocking the potential of the next generation of global citizens, leaders and change-makers.

HOW TO APPLY
International students apply direct to Western Sydney University, westernsydney.edu.au/international/apply

Applicants must meet minimum academic entry and English proficiency requirements. westernsydney.edu.au/international/entryrequirements

International students are also required to have genuine access to sufficient funds while studying in Australia. Funds should be sufficient to contribute to the cost of travel, tuition, school costs for any dependants, and living costs. westernsydney.edu.au/international/fees

FURTHER INFORMATION
For further details about courses, including course structure, unit descriptions, work placement requirements (if applicable), visit handbook.westernsydney.edu.au

For information about studying at Western Sydney University, including assessment methods, course progression and attendance requirements, accommodation options, working and living in Australia, visit westernsydney.edu.au/studyandlife

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