

Bachelor of Business (Accounting)

Start counting your way to success with a Bachelor of Business in Accounting. This flexible distance learning degree is internationally recognised and accredited by leading accounting bodies Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (for both their Chartered Accountants (CA) and Associate Chartered Accountants (ACA) designations) and CPA Australia. With this degree in hand you may also be eligible for exemptions for subjects in the United Kingdom based Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) and Association of Certified Chartered Accountants (ACCA) qualifications.

Qualification code OP700109

Level > 7	Credits > 360
Workload >	Allow 10-12 hours of study per credit. Your workload may be higher around assessment due dates
Study type >	Trimester
Cost >	See the qualification page on the website.
Student loan >	You can get a student loan for this qualification if you meet the criteria. Visit studylink.govt.nz for more information.

Career Opportunities

After gaining relevant post-qualification training and experience, you will be prepared for a career within public practice, industry, government or educational organisations in a mix of specialisations such as financial accounting, management accounting, taxation, financial management or consultancy.

How to apply

Go to the choose courses tab on the qualification page on our website. Select 72140 Business Communication and click add to enrolment plan. You'll be taken through our enrolment process, which you can save and exit from at any time.



Course Code	Course Name	Level
CORE GROUP – COMPLETE ALL COURSES		
71100	Accounting	5
71110	Introduction to Commercial Law	5
71120	The Economic Environment	5
71130	Organisations and Management	5
71155	Business Computing	5
71203	Business Ethics	6
71245	Organisational Behaviour	6
72140	Business Communication	5
72160	Statistical Analysis	5
FOUR MAJOR COURSES (80 CREDITS)		
71201	Financial Accounting	6
71202	Management Accounting	6
71204	Accounting Information Systems	6
71301	Advanced Financial Accounting	7
To achieve your full degree, you need to complete 18 courses totalling 360 credits. Students wishing to satisfy CA requirements for Chartered Accountants ANZ or CPA Australia membership are required to complete the following, in addition to the nine core courses and four major courses		
CA/CPA FIVE COURSES (100 CREDITS)		
71302	Advanced Management Accounting	7
71305	Auditing	7
71306	Taxation	7
71205	Business Finance	6
71210	Corporate and Finance Law	6
Non-CA/CPA students are required to complete the following, in addition to the nine core courses and four major courses		

PLUS TWO OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES (40 CREDITS)

71302	Advanced Management Accounting	7
71305	Auditing	7
71306	Taxation	7

PLUS THREE ELECTIVE COURSES (60 CREDITS)

You need to choose three elective courses (60 credits) with a maximum of one at level 5 and a minimum of one at level 7. You can choose your electives from any Open Polytechnic degree qualification – see our website for the range of options or contact us.

Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand membership

If you're an ACCA member and would like to gain membership with Chartered Accountants ANZ under their pathway programme, you can do so by completing courses 71110 Introduction to Commercial Law and 71210 Corporate and Finance Law with the Open Polytechnic. Visit the Bachelor of Business (Accounting) qualification page on our website for more information.

What you will learn

When you achieve this qualification you will:

- have strong interpersonal communication and influencing skills
- understand a variety of business concepts, processes and procedures relevant to public and private organisations
- be able to identify opportunities, solve problems and achieve business objectives by the use of suitable techniques with reference to ethical frameworks
- be able to critically evaluate the international, cross-cultural, economic, social and legal environments within business functions
- be able to anticipate, adapt to and promote changes important to a business
- have a more developed understanding of your major area of specialisation, including the ability to select and apply appropriate qualitative and quantitative techniques.

Entry requirements

To enrol in this programme you need to have one of the following:

- New Zealand University Entrance (visit nzqa.govt.nz for details), or
- Hold a New Zealand Certificate or Diploma qualification considered appropriate by the programme leader.

20 years old or over

If you are 20 years of age or over and do not hold the minimum entry requirements you will be eligible to be enrolled where your previous educational, work or life experience indicates you have a reasonable likelihood of success.

English language requirements

International students must also have an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0 with no band score lower than 5.5, or equivalent.

Domestic students for whom English or Māori is not their first language must also have an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0 with no band score lower than 5.5, or equivalent.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/englishlanguage to view our English language criteria.

Computer and online access

This programme is delivered 100% online. To complete this programme you will need access to a laptop or desktop computer, reliable broadband internet connection and a data plan able to support online learning such as streaming of videos (including YouTube), downloading content, and writing and submitting online assessments. If you are unsure if your current computer or internet access allows you to complete your online learning with us, please contact us before applying to enrol.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/online to view our online learning and study tools.

International students and domestic students living overseas

You can study this programme part time if you're an international student living in New Zealand or overseas. If you're living in New Zealand you will need to be in paid employment with a valid work permit.

New Zealand citizens living overseas can also study this programme.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/internationalstudent for more information about the special conditions and fees which you'll need to meet.

Study pathways

You may also be interested in our double major in accounting and management so that you can go even further with your career. You can find out more about this double major under the 'Accounting' subject area on our website. If you're a New Zealand Diploma in Business or New Zealand Law Society Legal Executive Diploma graduate, you may be able to fast track your study to a Bachelor of Business through our Advanced Standing Pathway programme. Visit the New Zealand Diploma in Business or New Zealand Law Society Legal Executive Diploma qualification pages on our website for more information.