COMMERCE: ACCOUNTING (BCom)

Department of Management

In the Accounting Specialist students learn the body of knowledge and skills required to become a professional accountant. The program starts with foundational courses in Accounting, Economics and then offers a range of more advanced courses which cover topics and competencies in the professional curricula.

Our students are taught how to think like professionals. This helps prepare students to become Chartered Professional Accountants after graduation. The program produces graduates who have the personal and professional attributes required of professional accountants - graduates who demonstrate initiative and leadership, apply strategic thinking, develop innovative ideas, adapt to change and are strong communicators.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT UTM!

We want to help you maximize your university experience, so we’ve pulled together information and interesting suggestions to get you started, although there are many more! As you review the chart on the inside pages, note that many of the suggestions need not be restricted to the year they are mentioned. In fact, activities such as joining an academic society, engaging with faculty and seeking opportunities to gain experience should occur in each year of your study at UTM. Read through the chart and create your own plan using My Program Plan found at www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans

Programs of Study (POSt)

- Specialist Program ERSPE1704 Commerce: Accounting (BCom)
- Specialist Program ERSPE2273 Commerce (BCom)
- Major Program ERMAJ1111 Commerce (Arts)

Check out...

Interested in Auditing? In MGT321H5, you will study the concepts and theory underlying audit practice. You’ll also be introduced to the CICA Handbook recommendations and guidelines for assurance. Get ready to dabble in federal income tax law. In MGT423H5, you will gain an understanding of the Income Tax Act.

What can I do with my degree?

The career you choose will depend on your experience and interests. Visit the Career Centre to explore your career options.

Careers for graduates: Auditor; Bank manager; Budget analyst; Chartered professional accountant; Corporate controller; Lawyer; Cost manager; Credit counsellor; Financial analyst; Government relations specialist; Internal auditor; Investment advisor; Investment banker; Money manager; Personal financial planner; Trader.

Workplaces: Accounting firms; Banks and financial institutions; Insurance companies; Government; Organizations in a wide range of industries in virtually every sector of the economy.
COMMERCE: ACCOUNTING

SPECIALIST Program Plan

PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*

1ST YEAR
Enrol in MGMT101H5; MGT120H5; ECO300Y5 or both ECO310H5 and ECO102H5; MAT158S5/MAT139Y5 or both MAT135H5 and MAT136H5.

Choose a program of study (Subject PGS) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the Degree Explorer and the Academic Calendar to plan your degree.

Develop foundational academic skills and strategies by enrolling in a utmONE course. Build community and gain academic support through LAUNCH. Join a RGASC Facilitated Study Group.

2ND YEAR
Enrol in ECO200Y5/204Y5/206Y5; ECO203Y5/208Y5/209Y5; ECO202Y5/227Y5; STA205H5, 258H5; STA (256H5, 260H5).

Consider applying for Research Opportunity Program (ROP) courses MGT129Y5 and MGT299Y5. Visit the EEU website for ROP Course Prerequisites. Attend the RGASC’s P.A.R.T. to enhance your research skills.

3RD YEAR
Enrol in MGMT300H5; 321H5, 323H5, 325H5, 326H5, 329H5. Start attaining 1.5 credits in ECO at the 300/400 level. View the Academic Calendar for course options.

Throughout your undergraduate degree:
• Use the Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements.
• See the Office of the Registrar and the Management Academic Advisor for assistance.

Interested in some friendly competition? Check out the IMI Finance Competition (IMFC). Register on the EEU website.

Looking to develop your leadership skills? Apply to become a LAUNCH Leader with the CSE.

Attend the Work-Study Info session.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR
Enrol in courses MGT420H5, 421H5, 422H5, 423H5, 428H5, 429H5, and 437H5. Ensure you have attained 1.5 credits in ECO at the 300/400 level.

Log on to ACORN and request graduation.

Consider a practical work-based experience through MGT480H5 Internship course. Sign up for MGT480H5 on ACORN and attend the Mandatory Orientation Session in the fall.

Do you have innovative business ideas? Visit ICUBE in the lower level of the Innovation Complex to receive expert advice.

BUILD SKILLS

Use the Co-Curricular Record (CCR). Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.

Attend the Get Experience Fair through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.

Use the Career Learning Network (CLIN) to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities as well as Work- Study.

Visit the Li Koon Chun Finance Learning Centre (FLC) for access to specialized resources and databases.

BUILD A NETWORK

Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the Innovative Business Association (IBA). Ask about their Mentorship Program.

Do you have a professor you really like or connect with? Learn Tips On How To Approach a Professor available through the Experiential Education Unit (EEU).

Attend events held by the International Education Centre (IEC), whether you are an international or domestic student. Explore your culture and other cultures through weekly/regular conversations, Language Conversation Circles, debates, and activities to enhance your global and intercultural mindset.

Accept your Quercus invitation to gain access to UTMM events and info including the Momentum Conference.

Take part in the Professional Skills Development Program (PSDP). Check out the PSDP Events Calendar.

Apply to the Certificate in Effective Business Practices and Leadership Skills. Certificate requirements include a 4-month paid work placement.

Engage in programs like the Global and Intercultural Fluency Training Series (GIFTS) or learn about and prepare for a future UTM Abroad Experience through the EEU to strengthen and enhance your intercultural skill set, and learn about other cultures while sharing your own!

BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET

Attend the Program Selection & Career Options workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.

Consider joining the International Economics (IEC). Visit the Office of the Registrar and the CC.

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Check out the International Economics (IEC) to learn more about opportunities. See if you are eligible for International Experience Canada.

PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE

Take part in Try It Week - a week of mock lectures - to get an idea of which program is best for you.

Explore careers through the CC’s Job Shadowing Program. Visit the Professional Development & Learning Centre (PDSL) on the second floor of the Kaneff Centre.

Consider further education? Attend the CC’s Further Education Showcase. Talk to professors – they are potential mentors and references.

What’s your next step after undergrad?


Consider further education? Research certification requirements for CPA and CFA and prepare for admission tests (LSAT, GMAT).

Visit www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans for the online version and links.
Skills developed in Commerce: Accounting

To be competitive in the job market, it is essential that you can explain your skills to an employer. Visit the Career Centre to learn how to articulate and market the following skills:

**Communication:** prepare and make oral presentations; write detailed reports; and convey concepts and ideas accurately.

**Research & analytical:** attention to detail; critical and analytical thinking; evaluate ideas and research; statistical analysis; and computer modeling.

**Problem-solving:** decision making and interpret research and data.

**Organizational:** time management; manage multiple priorities during peak times; and application of theoretical knowledge in practical settings (e.g. via internships).

Get involved

Check out the 100+ student organizations on campus. Here are a few:

- Innovative Business Association (IBA)
- IMI Competition Group (IMIC)
- DECA UTM
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)
- UTM Capital Management (UTMCM)

For a listing of clubs on campus visit www.utm.utoronto.ca/clubs.

Services that support you

- Accessibility Services (AS)
- Career Centre (CC)
- Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)
- Professional Development & Learning Centre (PDLC), Department of Management
- Experiential Education Unit (EEU)
- Health & Counselling Centre (HCC)
- Indigenous Centre (IC)
- International Education Centre (IEC)
- Li Koon Chun Finance Learning Centre (FLC)
- Office of the Registrar (OR)
- Recreation, Athletics and Wellness Centre (RAWC)
- Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre (RGASC)
- UTM Library, Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre (HMALC)

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FUTURE STUDENTS

Admission to UTM

All program areas require an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, or equivalent, with six Grade 12 U/M courses, or equivalent, including English. The admission average is calculated with English plus the next best five courses. The Grade 12 prerequisites for this program are Advanced Functions and Calculus. The approximate average required for admission is mid-80s. More information is available at utm.utoronto.ca/viewbook.

**NOTE:** During the application process, applicants will select the Commerce admissions category but will not officially be admitted to a formal program of study (Specialist, Major, and/or Minor) until after first year.

Sneak Peek

How is accounting used by management? In MGT223H5, you will learn the conceptual and analytical foundations of cost accounting. This course equips students with the tools for establishing costing systems. Expand your understanding of Financial Accounting in MGT220H5. This course uses cases to develop critical thinking and communication skills. Topics of study include accounting’s conceptual framework, accounting for assets, and valuation of bonds.

The Accounting specialist program is taught by a team of academics and professional accountants, with leading edge expertise and strong connections to the accounting profession.

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