

Admission Requirements

- Minimum NSC statutory requirements for degree entry must be met.
- An applicant with NSC Grade 12 **Mathematics** requires a minimum Applicant Score of **410**.
- NSC achievement rating of at least **60%** for **Mathematics**.

How to calculate your Applicant Score (AS)

- Your Applicant Score (AS) will be different if you took Mathematics, Mathematical Literacy or Technical Mathematics at school.
- Your Applicant Score (AS) is calculated using **six** subjects. Please note that Life Orientation (LO) is excluded.
- Write down your Grade 12 subjects and the most recent percentage (%) obtained in each subject (**NO** Gr 12 March results).
- You **MUST** include the results for the following **three compulsory subjects**: **1)** Home language; **2)** 1st Add. Language; and **3)** Maths; **or** Maths Lit; **or** Technical Maths.
- For applicants with seven Grade 12 NSC subjects, the AS is calculated by adding the percentages for the six 20-credit subjects (**Note** that the Life Orientation percentage is not included as it is a 10-credit subject). This gives a score out of 600.
- For those applicants **taking eight or more subjects** their AS is calculated as follows: add the percentages obtained for your three compulsory subjects (the two languages and Mathematics, Technical Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy), plus the percentage(s) for any subject(s) required by the programme, together with the percentage(s) for the next best / highest subject(s), to a maximum of six subjects.
- In addition, for those applicants from quintile 1 to 3 schools who attain 50% or higher for Life Orientation (LO), 7 points are added to their score out of 600 to arrive at their final AS.

Other Undergraduate Accountancy programmes offered

- BCom (General Accounting) – South Campus and George Campus
- Diploma in Accountancy – 2nd Avenue Campus
- Higher Certificate in Accountancy – South Campus

The School of Accounting has not only equipped me with the knowledge needed to obtain my qualifications, they provided me with the academic and personal support needed to make a success of my university career and taught me how to be a professional and a leader. This department has given me the skills to "Change the World".

Tonielle Prince (Post-Graduate Diploma in Accounting Graduate)

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Faculty of Business and
Economic Sciences
Chartered Accountancy

Studying accounting offers the prospect of a challenging and stimulating career and provides you with the opportunity to work both nationally and internationally. The premier designation in the South African accountancy profession is that of a Chartered Accountant (SA) or CA (SA). The CA (SA) designation "opens the doors" to senior financial positions in business, public practice and the public sector. The South African economy is in need of many more qualified accountants.

The Nelson Mandela University Chartered Accountancy Programmes:

Undergraduate

The **BCom Accounting for Chartered Accountants** is a three-year programme which utilises a teaching model that has been praised by the SA Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) as a "benchmark" for other accredited universities.

As an alternative (for academically top-achieving students), Nelson Mandela University offers a four-year **BCom Accounting Science** programme with the same modules as the BCom Accounting for Chartered Accountants, but with an additional major subject area in either Computer Science & Information Systems, Law, Economics or Business Management.

Postgraduate

The one year full-time **Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting (formerly the BCom Honours - Accounting)**, follows on the above undergraduate programmes, and offers students relatively small class sizes and personal attention from a leading team of senior academics.

Admission is strict, which keeps standards high, and pass rates for successful graduates in the SAICA Initial Test of Competence (ITC) are amongst the best in the country.

Careers

A career as a chartered accountant means you can work as a:

- Chief Financial Officer
- Financial Manager
- Financial Accountant
- Registered Auditor
- Cost and Management Accountant
- Tax Consultant
- Internal Auditor
- Banker

Many Chief Executive Officers (CEO's), Chief Financial Officers (CFO's) and Directors of South Africa's leading companies are Chartered Accountants.

Why Study at Nelson Mandela University?

- Our CA programme has been awarded the best accreditation rating available by SAICA.
- We have highly qualified and experienced academic staff, who hold top leadership positions in the accounting profession.
- We offer a student-centred teaching approach which means that students are provided with extensive academic support from staff and tutors as well as comprehensive and up-to-date course material.
- Nelson Mandela University graduates have consistently obtained outstanding results in SAICA's Qualifying Exams.
- We maintain links with national and international professional accounting bodies.
- Bursaries are available for both merit performance and financial need (eg. Thuthuka Bursary Programme – see separate brochure).
- Our alumni hold top positions in the auditing profession, finance departments, commerce and industry.
- We offer international study opportunities for students.
- Students can participate in vibrant student societies to interact with fellow students on a social basis.
- Our Port Elizabeth South Campus is situated in a nature reserve close to the beach.
- Our picturesque campus in George offers smaller classes, individual attention and has excellent facilities.

Major Subjects

Financial Accounting

Recording and summarising financial information in the financial records of an enterprise and preparing the financial reports mainly for users external to the enterprise.

Management Accounting

Measures and reports financial and other information which assists management with decision making and meeting the goals of the organisation.

Financial Management

Emphasises the creation and maintenance of economic value and the fundamental importance of cash flow.

Auditing

Gathering evidence about, and reporting on, the fair presentation of an enterprise's annual financial statements. Credible financial statements resulting from the audit are vital to an enterprise's ability raise finance.

Taxation

Determining the taxes payable by an individual, close corporation or company in terms of the relevant legislation. Advising on methods of arranging an individual's or enterprise's affairs in the most tax efficient manner.

Pinnacle Leadership Programme

Where high achievers are groomed for future leadership

This Programme is a holistic leadership development programme mentoring top academic achievers parallel with its formal academic programme. Participation is by invitation only. All VC Scholars are included. This is unique to Nelson Mandela University, no other university has this programme.

The programme focuses on:

- Engagement through personal development
- Engagement through global citizenship
- Engagement through social responsibility
- Engagement through Teaching and Learning