

## 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 **390**.
- NSC achievement rating of at least **50%** 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)** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 (Accounting) – South Campus and George Campus
- BCom (Accounting Sciences)- South Campus
- Diploma in Accountancy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Campus
- Higher Certificate in Accountancy – Missionvale 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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**BCom General Accounting**

Studying accounting offers the prospect of a challenging and stimulating career and provides you with the opportunity to work both nationally and internationally. The South African economy is in need of many more qualified accountants.

The **BCom General Accounting degree** is a three-year undergraduate degree programme that is offered for students wishing to major in the field of Accounting, but not wishing to become a Chartered Accountant.

Graduates of this programme may follow a path to membership of other professional bodies such as the South African Institute of Professional Accountants (SAIPA), Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).

Note: This programme is, however, **not** accredited by the SA Institute of Accountants (SAICA).

Upon completion of the BCom General Accounting programme, the following are options for Postgraduate study:

The one year full-time **Postgraduate Diploma in Accountancy**. This postgraduate diploma aims to develop the knowledge, skills and values of the graduate in the more advanced aspects of the field of accounting and its related sup-disciplines to improve the graduate's career opportunities at a managerial level – and prepares students for a number of the professional examinations of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).

This Postgraduate Diploma is also a SA Institute of Chartered Accountants accredited bridging programme into the CTA (Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting) programme - thereby providing a pathway for BCom General Accounting graduates to qualify as Chartered Accountants (SA).

The one year full-time **Postgraduate Diploma in Internal Auditing**. Internal Auditing is one of the pillars of effective governance. The main objective of the Postgraduate Diploma in Internal Auditing is to provide the country with qualified internal audit professionals who can add value to organisations.

## Careers

The following are some examples of the diverse career possibilities for graduates:

- Financial Manager
- Management Accountant
- Finance Accountant
- Accountant in a company or the public sector
- Tax accountant and practitioner

## Why study at Nelson Mandela University?

- 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.
- We maintain links with national and international professional accounting bodies.
- 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.

## Professional Body Accreditation

### Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)

Upon completing the BCom (General Accounting), the graduate will be exempted from writing the nine Fundamental papers of the ACCA, paving the way for him/her to write the ACCA's Professional papers.

### Chartered Institute of Management Accounting (CIMA)

As Nelson Mandela University is recognised by CIMA as a Tier 1 University, graduates of this programme will be exempted from the Certificate and Operational Level papers (excluding the Case Study Exam) of CIMA's Qualification framework. This paves the way for graduates who wish to qualify as Chartered Global Management Accountants.

### South African Institute of Professional Accountants (SAIPA)

The BCom (General Accounting) is accredited by SAIPA as meeting its educational requirements for those who wish to use the Professional Accountants (SA) designation.