CBE Postgraduate Induction - Accounting

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Accounting & Finance
28th in the World

What do we teach?

- Accounting
- Auditing
- Corporate governance
- Corporate social responsibility
- Business and tax law
- Financial statement analysis and business valuation
More about RSA

- 25+ academic staff and all course convenors in accounting hold a PhD, and most hold professional accounting qualifications (e.g. CPA or CA).

- Small tutorial class size

- 4 administrative staff
  - The school office is located in: Room 2037, Hanna Neumann Bldg (21)
Why Accounting?

• What jobs can an accountant do?
• Provide any information related to an organisation!!
• Some career examples:
  – Auditor
  – Management accountant
  – Environmental accountant
  – Accounting risk analyst
  – Security analyst
  – CFO
  – Corporate consultant
  – Tax agent
Postgraduate Study

1. Master of Professional Accounting (1.5 years f/t)
   – Specifically tailored to obtain professional qualification in the shortest time
   – Suitable for students without an accounting background

2. Master of Accounting (2 years full time)
   – Greater scope for advanced study in accounting-related areas (governance, auditing etc.) or basic research
   – The more advanced accounting qualification, suitable for students with or without accounting background.

• Both accredited by accounting professional bodies
Postgraduate Study

3. Master of Commerce

- Flexible program that provides advanced study and research preparation
- Opportunity for students without accounting background to develop in-depth level of knowledge in accounting-related area
- Pathway to accounting PhD study for students without an Honours or research degree.
- Must achieve 70% average in first year to continue to second year of the program
Postgraduate Study

3. Master of Commerce - continued

• Crucial to attend “orientation” with Convenor (details in invitation email)

Master of Commerce Information Session

Friday, February 17, 2017
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Allan Barton Forum
Level 2, CBE Building 26C
Study Structure

Intro to financial accounting (BUSN7008)
- Adv Financial Accounting (BUSN7050)
- Accounting theory (BUSN7005)

Intro Finance (FINM7006)
- Management accounting (BUSN7031)
- Auditing and Assurance (BUSN7054)

Intro Statistics (STAT7055)
- Accounting Info Sys (INFS7004)

Commercial Law (BUSN7052)
- Bus Entities Law (BUSN7057)
- Taxation Law (BUSN7021)

Other accounting courses
- Business Economics (ECON8069)
Typical Study Plan – Semester 1

- BUSN7008
- BUSN7052
- FINM7006
- STAT7055
- https://www.cbe.anu.edu.au/students/student-information/enrolment/study-plans/
Effective Writing Workshop

• Compulsory as part of your enrolment in BUSN7008
• To enhance students’ English written communication skills and promote good academic practice
• Students will be engaged in the discussion of academic integrity, referencing and effective writing
• Workshop in Week 1 of the semester
• Students required to complete a written assessment task - to practise what is learnt in the workshop
Professional Accreditation

- CPA Australia
- Chartered Accountants
- AIA
- Institute of Public Accountants
Successful Accounting Career Path

Professional Training (CPA or CA)

Work Exp

Accounting Masters
Useful Websites

• timetabling.anu.edu.au/sws2017
• wattle.anu.edu.au
• anulib.anu.edu.au – reserve collection and other references
• www.coop.com.au – textbook and other resources
Reminders

- Read course outline carefully;
- Attend lectures and tutorials;
- Use consultation time
- Check Wattle regularly;
- Check and use your ANU student email;
- Discuss issues with tutors and lecturers;
Useful Contacts

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Questions