Bachelor of Commerce

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In Summary
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Student Exchange
Where in the world do you want to go?

What is a student exchange?
- Completing part of your UniSA degree overseas
- No tuition fees to the host institution, just your normal UniSA fees
- Over 70 Universities around the world, most of which teach in English
- International students are also encouraged to apply
- Eligibility: GPA 4.0 (P1 average), no more than 9 failed units, 36 units (1 year of study) completed

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Scholarships, travel grants and OS-HELP are available to help fund your trip!
Why should I go?

Shouldn’t the real question be – why shouldn’t I go?

You will acquire:
• an international learning experience;
• an understanding of key cross-cultural concepts;
• a network of other young people looking for professional development;
• a set of generic skills important for leadership in a globalised world.

The Division of Business and your Program Director supports Student Exchanges - we understand and promote the importance of international experience and a global education!

Start planning now to include exchange in your degree!
Important reminder (must dos ASAP)

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• Enrol in study period 2 and 5 courses

• Get your UniSA e-mail activated

• Claim any credit for previous studies – TAFE, SAIBT, Eynesbury, another Uni. **None for work experience**

• All at Campus Central, Yungondi Building, 8302 0511
The program/degree
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- 8 + 7 + 9 = 24 courses
- 8 Division Core courses
- 7 Accounting Major courses
- 9 Electives
- **Excluding** any credit for previous studies
Division core of courses:
• Accounting for Business
• Communication and Information Systems in Business
• Management Principles *(study in second year)*
• Marketing Principles: Trading and Exchange
• Business and Society
• Principles of Economics
• Foundations of Business Law
• Quantitative Methods for Business
Accounting major of courses:

- Financial Accounting 1
  *(in study period 5, first year – after Accounting for Business in study period 2)*
- Financial Accounting 2
- Financial Accounting 3
- Finance and Investment
- Management Accounting
- Global Issues for Accounting
- Issues in Accounting Theory
Electives – there are 9 in total

Professional minor
- Companies and Partnership Law (second year)
- Taxation Law 1 (final year)
- Auditing Theory and Practice (final year)

Other minors
- Finance
- Small Business
- Management Accounting, many others
Recap of program/degree outline
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- 8 Business (Division) core courses
- 7 Accounting major courses
- 9 Elective courses (including minors)
- Start at the Business (Division) core courses (depending on credit for previous studies)
- If no credit, follow the degree schedule which is on the degree home page
Advanced Diploma of Accounting credit = 12

- Accounting for Business
- Communication and Information Systems in Business
- Foundations of Business Law (IF you studied Contract Law module(s) at TAFE SA)
- Financial Accounting 1
- Management Accounting
- Management Principles
- 6 electives

Assumes you also completed the TAFE Diploma and Cert IV
Study period 2
- Financial Accounting 2
- Finance and Investment
- Principles of Economics
- Business and Society

Study period 5
- Financial Accounting 3
- Companies & Partnership Law (assuming credit for Foundations of Business Law can be claimed)
- Global Issues for Accounting
- Issues in Accounting Theory

Part time study? Reduce load accordingly
Diploma of Accounting credit = 8
• Accounting for Business
• Communication and Information Systems in Business
• Foundations of Business Law
  (IF you studied Contract Law module(s) at TAFE SA)
• Financial Accounting 1
• Management Principles
• 3 electives
Assumes you also completed the TAFE Cert IV
Study period 2
• Financial Accounting 2
• Finance and Investment
• Business and Society
• Management Accounting

Study period 5
• Financial Accounting 3
• Companies & Partnership Law (assuming credit for Foundations of Business Law can be claimed)
• Global Issues for Accounting
• Issues in Accounting Theory

Part time? Reduce load accordingly
Teaching & learning arrangements
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- Full time/part time study
- Internal/external (off campus) study
- Study overseas opportunities
- Finishing early
- Contact time
  3 hours per course per week

Lectures and tutorials
- Lectures =
- Tutorials =
Structure of the degree
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- Flexible delivery environment
- Internal (full time and part time, including evening classes)
- External (off campus)
- Online resources
- Evening classes
- Teachers who’ve worked in the business
Credibility of the degree
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• The Commerce degree is fully accredited by the major Australian Accounting Professional bodies

• CPA Australia and The ICAA recognised

• This provides you with national and international recognition
What are your career options?
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- Public Accountants (Chartered or CPA firms: large, medium & small, local & international)
- Businesses (most medium sized and larger businesses employ their own in-house accountants)
- Government (e.g. Auditor General, ATO, Gov’t departments & authorities)
What are your career options?
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• Multiple job offers if good
• More than 80% strike rate
• Tight economic times recently
• Your GPA matters (more shortly)
Enrol ASAP

• For study periods 2 and 5
• Much easier next year as a continuing student
• Enrolment problems e.g. log in and passwords? See Campus Central
• Classes full? Lyn Nipperess advice
• Don’t miss week 1 of classes from next Monday 28 February
• Lectures in week 1
• May be tutorials in week 1 also (more likely to start in week 2) – double check on course home pages
• Log on to course home pages ASAP
• Use online resources
Our expectations
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Contacting staff/staying in the loop
• e-mail, e-mail, e-mail!
• Check regularly and clean out often
• e-mails coming from me soon

Your transcript (what you leave here with)
• Don’t settle for second best
• Employers want the best grades
• Grade Point Average (GPA)
• Aim for a Credit = above average
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Do the work. Time needed to get results

Assessment
• Build up your grade
• Career focused e.g. presentations, reports, case studies, group/team work, research skills
• Hit deadlines
• Reduce final exam pressure
• Get your queries sorted regularly
Our expectations
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Get to all the Orientation you can!

Main contacts
• Lyn Nipperess (Program Advisor)
• Course queries – Course Coordinator
• Study queries – tutor or lecturer
• Admin or forms – Campus Central
• [www.unisa.edu.au](http://www.unisa.edu.au)
• Counsellors – Learning and Teaching Unit
• Get information – Orientation sessions

• Prerequisites are enforced e.g. Accounting for Business to FA 1 to FA 2 to FA 3

• Conceded Passes and Terminating Passes
Need more assistance?
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- Learning and Teaching Unit

UniSA online resources

Staff offices - Way Lee Building (cnr North Terrace and George Street)

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Career development
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How we help get you to your career

Huge in the Commerce degree and at UniSA

Build your career management skills

Welcome Sarah Winston - Careers and Alumni
• Questions?
• Queries?
• Comments?