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# Bridging Programme for the Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting



**Mode of Delivery:**

Distance Learning Online

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# 1 Programme Purpose

The **SAICA-accredited Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) in Accounting** degree has a minimum admission requirement in respect of Mathematics (see below). The Bridging Programme offered by Milpark Education will **assist students to achieve the minimum admission** requirement and enable them to enrol for the BCom in Accounting degree. This programme is **designed for students who achieved** a bachelor's pass in their Senior Certificate or National Senior Certificate examination, **but did not meet the minimum Mathematics** requirement.

Students who pass the relevant modules in the **Bridging Programme** will receive **credits towards the BCom in Accounting degree**. For those who successfully complete it, this Bridging Programme is therefore a step towards completing the first year of the BCom in Accounting degree.



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The minimum requirements for admission to the **SAICA-accredited BCom in Accounting** degree are as follows:

### If the candidate matriculated in 2007 or earlier

1. A Senior Certificate with matriculation endorsement/exemption for degree studies. Candidates who have a **Senior Certificate** but who do not meet the matriculation endorsement/exemption requirements stated above, may apply to Universities South Africa (USAf), for mature age exemption (<https://mb.usaf.ac.za/>).
2. A symbol of E or higher for Mathematics on HG, or a symbol of D or higher for Mathematics on SG. **Candidates who do not meet** the Mathematics requirement may be offered admission on condition that they successfully complete the **BCom bridging programme**, if they have achieved at least a symbol of E on HG or a C on SG in any two of the following subjects:



Economics



Business  
Economics



Accounting



Physical Science  
or Physics/  
Chemistry



Natural Science  
or Biology



## Candidates who matriculated in 2008 or later require:

1. A National Senior Certificate (NSC) with a **minimum of 50% in four NSC 20-credit subjects**,\* including English (at Home Language level) as the language of instruction at Milpark Education, as certified by Umalusi. **A minimum mark of 60%** for English at First Additional Language level will be expected where candidates did not complete English at Home Language level. \*Life Orientation is not a 20-credit bearing subject.
2. A minimum mark of **50%** for Mathematics or **70%** for Mathematics Literacy. Candidates who do not meet the Mathematics requirement but who have achieved a minimum mark of 50% or higher in any two of the **following subjects** may be offered admission on condition that they successfully complete a bridging programme:



**Economics**



**Business  
Economics**



**Accounting**



**Physical Science  
or Physics/  
Chemistry**



**Natural Science  
or Biology**

Candidates who have completed a **relevant Higher Certificate (NQF 5) or Diploma (NQF 6)** in the field of **business or commerce** with specialist modules in accounting, may also be admitted to the **BCom in Accounting degree**.



## 2 Who Should Enrol

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The **Bridging Programme is designed** to improve the mathematical abilities of students intending to enrol for the **SAICA-accredited BCom in Accounting degree**, and runs for a full semester, only on the **Distance Learning Online** study mode.

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A combination of **foundational and core skills** derived from the compulsory modules built in the semester of study **will ensure that students** adapt effectively in the **full BCom in Accounting degree**.

## 3 Programme Outcomes

Upon **successful completion** of this programme, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a **basic understanding** of the accounting profession and business landscapes with a **South African focus**, and information technology (IT) in business.
2. Demonstrate a **broad conceptual understanding** of basic financial reporting principles.
3. Demonstrate understanding of **basic principles of mathematics** to summarise and analyse financial and business data.

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# 4 Programme Structure

The programme consists of **four compulsory modules**. The modules are offered in both semesters during a year. **Candidates must register** for *Introduction to Professional Accounting Studies IPAS01-5* upon initial registration. *Introduction to Professional Accounting Studies IPAS01-5* is presented first, **over six weeks**, as it must be attempted by all students before any other modules, whereafter the other **three modules are presented simultaneously** over the remainder of the semester.

## Module name and code

### Compulsory

Introduction to Professional Accounting Studies IPAS01-5 (15/5)

Digital Skills for Financial Analysis DSFA01-5 (10/5)

Financial Reporting Principles FRPR01-5 (10/5)

Mathematical Principles for Financial Analysis MPFA01-5 (10/5)





**Introduction  
to Professional  
Accounting  
Studies  
IPAS01-5**

The six-week introductory [**foundational**] module to the **Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting** degree introduces students to the accounting profession and business landscapes with a South African focus. Ethics and values, digital skills and personal reflection skills are themes embedded throughout the module. Upon completion of this module, **students will be able to apply** some of the essential digital skills required for the degree; articulate the importance of ethics and values in their own lives, in business and in the profession; **demonstrate awareness** of a typical business growth journey and the possible roles for professional **accountants throughout this journey**; and articulate the primary considerations when starting a business and preparing a basic business plan.

This module provides a **broad introduction to information technology** (IT) in business. Using integrated case studies, the module introduces the **theoretical considerations** in relation to IT hardware and software, its various capabilities, **how information (data) is processed**, data governance, viruses and data risks within a business context. The **practical aspect** of the module includes **applying basic functions** and formulae to business data using Microsoft Excel.

**Digital Skills  
for Financial  
Analysis  
DSFA01-5**

**Financial  
Reporting  
Principles  
FRPR01-5**

The aim of this module is to provide a **broad conceptual understanding** of basic financial reporting principles. Using practical examples in a business context, **students identify and classify the elements** of the annual financial statements and demonstrate understanding of the **accounting framework** and the components of annual financial statements. The module also introduces the practice of closing journal entries in accordance with the **accrual basis of accounting** as they relate to practical business transactions.

*\*Students who passed accounting in grade 12 and who score 80% or higher for an accounting assessment written in the last week of the IPAS01-5 module, will be exempt from this module.*

The module emphasises the use of **basic principles of mathematics** to summarise and analyse financial and business data. **Students apply a range** of mathematical techniques to real-life business examples. The module also provides students with a **basic understanding** of the theory of interest for application to relevant business transactions.

**Mathematical  
Principles  
for Financial  
Analysis  
MPFA01-5**

## 6 Admission Requirements

Candidates who have achieved a **Senior Certificate or a National Senior Certificate** with a bachelor's pass, but do not meet the Mathematics requirement set by Milpark for admission onto the **BCom in Accounting** degree, may be admitted to the Bridging Programme, provided that they have achieved at least a symbol of E on HG or a C on SG with their Senior Certificate or a **minimum mark of 50% or higher** with their National Senior Certificate in any **two of the following subjects**:



Economics



Business Economics



Accounting



Physical Science or Physics/Chemistry



Natural Science or Biology

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## 7 Mode Of Delivery

Choose an **online format** that works for you. Studying **online requires certain skills** such as self-discipline, self-motivation and communication. When you're an **online learner**, you'll find that you will **quickly hone and develop** these skills which are important for the workplace.

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The following mode is available for this specific programme:



Distance Learning Online

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## Technical Requirements



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## Duration

The duration of this **Bridging Programme** is **six** months.

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## Student Support

Comprehensive student **support services are available**. Students are provided with administrative support by Student Services. **Lecturers will present** a compulsory weekly online class per module.

**Students will have** an option to attend class during normal business hours or after business hours. **Interactive group** discussions allow students to learn from lecturers and peers. **Students have access to lecturers** with whom they can interact individually during online lecturer consultation sessions. Students who experience study and/or personal problems have access to a student support adviser. **All support services are available** to registered students via *myMilpark (myCourses)*.





# 11 Library Access

The Milpark library provides access to **eBooks in a virtual library called Cyberlibris** (Scholartext). Lecturers may create **smart bookshelves per course** or module for students to access (these shelves can **contain prescribed and recommended books**). Students can also create their own personal smart bookshelves containing resources for their studies. **Having access to a digital library** means that thousands of students can access books and resources from anywhere at the same time online.

There is **no need to make reservations** and requests, and **no limit to the time a student has to access a book**. With the implementation of Cyberlibris, students also have access to full-text resources via **ProQuest (global), Emerald (global), Ebsco (global) and Sabinet (South African publications)** to assist with **research and to enrich** their learning experience. **Access to the library is included in the module fee.**

# 12 Rules of Progression

Compulsory modules **must be completed by all students**, in order to be admitted to the BCom in Accounting degree. Candidates will **receive credits** for the relevant modules passed, when they enrol for the **BCom in Accounting degree**.

**Candidates may NOT** register for any other modules unless they have **registered** for *Introduction to Professional Accounting Studies IPAS01-5*.



# 13 Assessment

Formative assessment contributes **50% to the final mark**. It consists of a **combination of assignments and tests**. The exact formative structure **per module** will be communicated to the student at the start of each module.

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Students will **complete a final**, summative assessment per module at the end of each module, which contributes **50% towards the final mark**. Students need to **obtain** a sub-minimum mark of **40%** in the final, summative assessment and an overall mark of **50%** in order to pass the module.

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Selective formative and **most summative** assessments will be written **online via remote proctoring**.

# 14 Certification

On successful completion of the programme, the student will be entitled to be admitted into the **SAICA-accredited Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting** degree, as accredited by the Higher Education Quality Committee of the Council on Higher Education (CHE).



## 15 Further Studies

Milpark Education is committed to the process of **lifelong learning and opening access to higher education**. The programme will provide for articulation into the **Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting degree, NQF level 7**.

## 16 Pricing



All module **fees include one round of formative and summative assessments** (supplementary examinations excluded). Module **fees do not include the cost of prescribed textbooks**, which will be for the student's own account. The prescribed book list will be **available on myMilpark on registration**.

## 14 Disclaimer

The content of this brochure is **accurate at the time of going to print**. Milpark Education **reserves the right to change** the programme content due to changes in legislation, market requirements and other reasons. **Notice of such changes will be published on our website**.

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