School of Business

Master of PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING

EXCELSIA
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

ABOUT
EXCELSIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Established in 1983, Excelsia University College (Excelsia) is one of Australia's leading Christian higher education providers. We are an innovative and creative communityof people who are passionate about excelling and growing academically, professionally, personally and spiritually. Our students and alumni embark on a journey of lifelong learning and leadership.

WORLD-CLASS MENTORSHIP

Be mentored by and learn from engaged and committed staff who are approachable and passionate about business.

PASTORAL CARE

Excelsia prioritises pastoral care which is fully integrated throughout the program. It is important to Excelsia that we meet the personal, social wellbeing and academic needs of students and staff.

ALUMNI AND INDUSTRY NETWORK

Over 3,000 alumni and accomplished academics around the world attest to our whole-of-person education.

BUSINESS WITH A DIFFERENCE

We give students the tools to bolster their business image and build their brand, while empowering their employees to leverage resources to do good.

OUR VISION: Excelsia contributes to making a better world through active participation in a life-transforming global Christian learning community.

OUR MISSION: Excelsia is an academic community benefiting the world by producing research characterised by exemplary scholarship consistent with a Christian world view, and graduates prepared to lead in a range of professions.

OUR VALUES

Our values reflect our vision and our mission:

1. **Christ-likeness:** striving to exemplify the life of Christ in our commitments, our actions and our relationships.
2. **Innovation and creativity:** working with passion and imagination in a range of influential professions, to further God's transformative work in the world.
3. **Scholarship:** creating a culture that values the search for truth, supports academic freedom and rewards rigorous thinking.
4. **Service to the community:** using our skills and abilities in and beyond the Institution in the service of others.
5. **Lifelong learning:** continually seeking knowledge, wisdom and capability to flourish and contribute in a changing world.

GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

1. **Deep Knowledge**
   A deep, coherent and extensive knowledge of studied disciplines characterised by intellectual openness, creativity and curiosity.
2. **Critical Analysis**
   Willingness and ability to analyse issues logically, consider different options and viewpoints fairly, and make informed decisions in relevant artistic, academic and/or professional contexts and settings.
3. **Lifelong Learning**
   A commitment to lifelong learning characterised by a willingness and ability to acquire, develop and apply knowledge and skills that facilitate positive adaptations to a changing world.
4. **Effective Communication**
   Aptitude to communicate information, arguments and ideas effectively and ethically through writing, speech and/or artistic expression as appropriate within each discipline.
5. **Christian Ethical Action**
   A sound knowledge and understanding of Christian values and beliefs, and of the relevance of Christian faith to personal life, professional ethics, and social concerns.
6. **Self Direction**
   A capacity for self-directed learning and activity while working effectively with others in scholarly, vocational, civic and/or artistic pursuits and endeavours.
7. **Technical Competence**
   Competence and facility with materials, processes and technologies relevant to learned disciplines, generic information literacy and professional practice.
8. **Responsible Innovation**
   Oriented towards exhibiting intellectual and artistic enterprise, innovation and independence in constructive, creative and responsible ways.

CAMPUS FEATURES

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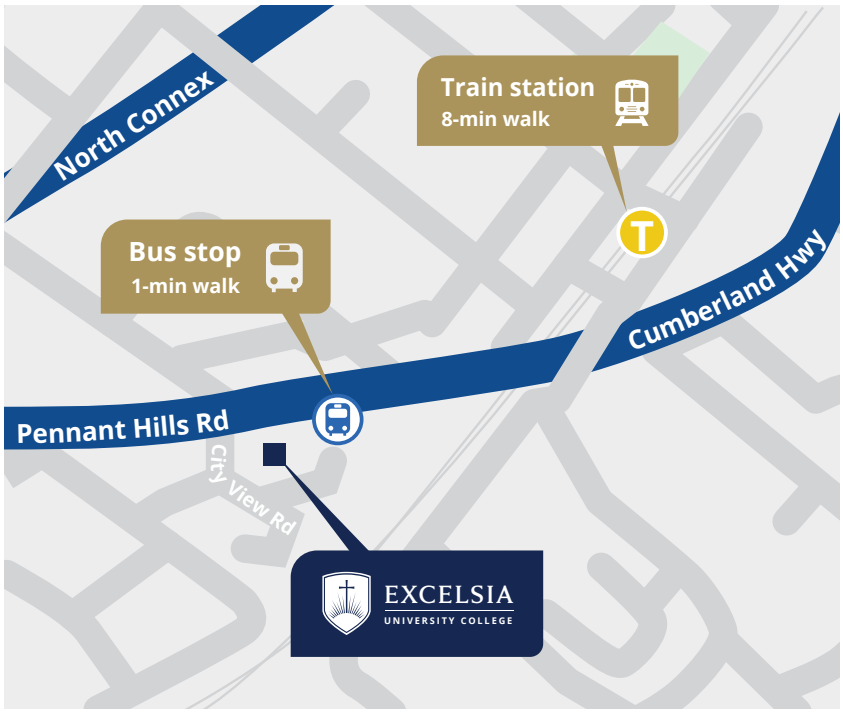
- Library
- Black box creative space
- Production studio
- Innovation centre – Mac and PC lab
- Drama and music specialist rooms
- Wellness centre
- Fidèl Café
- Koorong Bookstore
- Student facilities
  - Free wifi
  - Study desks
  - Snacks bar
  - Free coffee
  - Microwaves
  - Games console

TRANSPORT

- 8-min walk to Pennant Hills Station
- 1-min walk to bus stop
- Free parking

CONVENIENT LOCATION



WHY STUDY AT **EXCELSIA?**

EXCELSIA RANKED HIGHLY

TEACHING QUALITY*
86.2%
National average 80.5%

POSITIVE STUDENT INTERACTIONS*
84.6%
National average 59.5%

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT*
90.7%
National average 81.1%

OVERALL GRADUATE SATISFACTION^
85.4%
National average 75.6%

^ 2023–24 Course Experience Questionnaire (undergraduate)
* 2023–24 Student Experience Survey (undergraduate)

Master of
PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING

Excelsia's Master of Professional Accounting is a two-year postgraduate qualification comprising discipline and professional studies. The course is 96 credit points in total. Students undertake four core units per semester over two years.

Course duration:	2 years full-time 4 years part-time (domestic students only)
Intake:	February and July
Credit points:	96 (16 units of 6 credit points each)
Delivery:	On campus
Available to:	Domestic and international
CRICOS Code:	106163M
IELTS:	6.5 with no band less than 6.0
AQF:	Level 9
Financial information:	FEE-HELP available for domestic students
Course tuition fee:	International students: $9,240 semester/$36,960 total tuition fee
For more information, refer to our course fees page.	

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

EDUCATIONAL PREREQUISITES

(a) Bachelor degree (AQF Level 7) from an Australian higher education institution; or

(b) A qualification recognised as equivalent by the National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (NOOSR); or

(c) Other qualifications and experience as may, on application by the student, be deemed equivalent to (a) by the Academic Board of Excelsia.

For more information visit: excelsia.edu.au/study/business/master-of-professional-accounting/

APPLICANTS WITH HIGHER EDUCATION

A student's entry qualification need not include studies in business, management or related fields, but studies in these fields would be an advantage.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants whose qualifying undergraduate studies were taken in a language other than English will be required to demonstrate English proficiency equivalent to the IELTS Academic minimum overall result of 6.5 with no band score below 6.0. For test score equivalencies for alternative tests visit: excelsia.edu.au/international/entry-into-australia/

CREDIT AND RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

Please refer to the credit and RPL policies and procedures in the Admissions Framework.

Why choose this program?

- It is a globally recognised qualification.
- The program focuses on ethical and responsible accounting.
- It has an authentic curriculum where lessons can be immediately applied.

This course has been accredited by CPA and Chartered Accountants Australia

Year 1: Developing a strong accounting professional or competent corporate accountant who can make effective financial decisions

In Year 1, students will learn the practical tools used by accountants and master the accounting skills required for making sound decisions.

Subjects such as Accounting for Managers and Advanced Financial Accounting meet the course's objectives of developing students with good managerial skills from a financial perspective.

This course will provide students with a balance of theories and practical applications in accounting, developing their critical thinking and deep analyses in subjects such as Advanced Financial Accounting, Management Accounting, Performance Control and Audit and Assurance.

Year 2: Developing a professional with the right ethical attitudes and corporate social citizenship

In Year 2, the focus is on developing students to become professionals with accountability, integrity and the appropriate ethical attitudes.

Students will be taught to perform their accounting tasks with the highest level of accuracy and integrity. Students will develop a strong moral expertise which aligns with Excelsia's strong Christian values.

Students will also cover subjects dealing with corporate or company issues, such as Capital Market and Corporate Finance, Companies and Securities Law and Advanced Financial Reporting and Analysis.

Core Units

FIRST YEAR

Accounting for Managers

Accounting for Managers helps aspiring postgraduate students to be good managers and make sound business decisions from financial and accounting perspectives.

Business Economics

This unit covers economic theories with a focus on business. A study on both macro-economics and micro-economics will deepen students' knowledge of business based on economic reasoning.

Professional Ethics

To develop students with the appropriate ethical attitudes in business, case studies will be analysed from both positive and negative perspectives.

Business Information Management

This unit explores the dynamic of technological advancement in the digital world and how that affects the business in data and information management. There is special focus on internal control using the five components of the Committee of Sponsoring Organization (COSO) of the Treadway Commission frameworks.

Data Analytics in Accounting

This unit uses mathematical formulae and analytical tools to examine business data. Students will be taught to use a range of financial and statistical tools to examine financial reports for making sound business decisions.

Strategic Management Accounting

Students will advance their skills in management accounting by learning complex issues such as:

- transfer pricing
- dashboard reporting
- balanced scorecard
- performance management on strategy alignment.

Companies and Securities Law

This unit is an introduction to various Australian laws and regulations that govern the business world, e.g. the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth). This unit extends a student's knowledge from a basic understanding of the Australian business laws to a more detailed study on various regulations on a company such as contract law, tort, and director duties.

Advanced Financial Accounting

Students will advance their skills in financial accounting by learning complex issues such as:

- lease accounting
- intangibles assets
- earnings per share
- positive accounting theories.

SECOND YEAR

Stewardship and Corporate Governance

This unit provides a deep understanding of the rules and regulations that govern the professional conduct of an accountant or business executive. Students will review the current implications of major accounting standards.

Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability

In this unit, Excelsia will introduce to students the importance of being ethical.

Topics covered include:

- corporate and social responsibility
- sustainable accounting
- fraud
- internal control.

Taxation Law

This unit covers an important skill for students to learn to become a good professional accountant. In this subject, students will learn the basic calculations of Australian taxation including the underlying theories and governing laws.

Advanced Financial Analysis

Students will learn all financial reporting on complex business structures per the statutory requirements. Analytical reviews are also discussed to determine the true position of the business and its directions.

Corporate Accounting and Company Structures

Students develop advanced accounting skills based on large and complex companies with multiple structures and global presence.

This is a specialised area of accounting for the corporate world, preparing students for a promising career with multinationals.

Capital Market and Corporate Finance

This unit looks at the dynamics of the capital market and how corporates finance their various projects and ventures e.g. debt financing and equity financing.

The decision-making process on large capital investments will also be explored. Students will use tools such as Net Present Value (NVP), Internal Rate of Return (IRR) and Discount Cash Flow (DCF).

Audit and Assurance

Audit is an integral part of accounting as financial statements of large and listed companies must be reviewed by an auditor. Students will be required to learn all the key concepts with regards to auditing, assurance and associated risk management.

Contemporary Issues in Accounting

Students will keep up-to-date on all accounting related issues that are affecting specific industries or the business world at large.

Current development on accounting standards (e.g. lease) will also be discussed and explored.

Information about applications is available at: excelsia.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/

Step 1
Select the course
at: excelsia.edu.au/study/

Step 2
Check the entry requirements

Step 3
Gather the required documents

Step 4
Complete the application form

Step 5
Apply

Once you submit your application, Excelsia staff will contact you shortly to confirm receipt and talk through the next steps in the process.

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