# THE ACCOUNTING STUDENT HANDBOOK 2024-2025

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# NOTE FROM THE CREATORS

This handbook is a guide made to assist accounting students in navigating the abundance of resources, mapping out their course journey, understanding the CPA designation, and more. We hope that you will discover valuable insights within its pages.

We recognize the challenges new students face when it comes to staying organized. That's why we've created this handbook.

We encourage you to consult this handbook throughout the course of your studies at JMSB.

We wish you all the best and look forward to meeting you!

Keep an eye out for the clickable links



Do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

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# WHAT WE DO

Our main priority is to bring as many opportunities as possible to the accounting student body. In light of this academic year, we will continue to offer quality events, whether they be online or later in person. Our biggest events are the Dividends Cocktail and the CPA Cocktail.

Dividends Magazine Launch: A chance for JMSB students to speak to recruiters prior to the recruitment cocktail as well as an opportunity to celebrate the issuance of our annual Dividends Magazine. It includes valuable articles from our team of executives catered to give students advice and also a look at who we are.

**CPA Cocktail:** Our annual CPA Recruitment Cocktail is the highlight of the year, with over 150 students and company representatives' networking together.

We also provide free **JMAS tutorials** for 6 accounting classes (ACCO 320, 330, 340, 360, 420 & 440) to help students excel in their classes.



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# **JMAS EXECUTIVE TEAM**



#### We...

- · Represent the accounting student body of nearly 2,000 students
- Provide networking and professional development opportunities
- · Provide information regarding the accounting profession and the CPA designation
- · Provide involvement opportunities for students to act as JMAS volunteers
- · Organize the annual CPA Recruitment Cocktail
- · Build sustainable relationships with our partners in the business community





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# **LEANN LI** VP OF ACADEMICS

To introduce myself, my name is Leann and I am the Vice President of Academics at JMAS. I'm the person who is always open to helping students with their program-related questions.

### WHAT IS MY ROLE?

As VP of Academics, I advise and support undergraduate accounting students in course planning, CPA designation, and more. I also manage JMAS tutorials to aid students in their accounting courses.

As an accounting student pursuing entry into the CPA program, I am confident in my ability to share valuable insights and excel in providing guidance on effective organization to fellow students.

This year, I'm teaming up with Karina, the Director of Student Affairs, to enhance tutorial quality and availability, ensuring a better academic experience for all.

Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

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LEANN LI VICE-PRESIDENT OF ACADEMICS



# **KARINA SONI**

# DIRECTOR OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND EDI

To introduce myself, my name is Karina, and I am the Director of Student Affairs and EDI. I work alongside the Vice President of Academics.

### WHAT IS MY ROLE?

My role entails communicating directly with the accounting student body by listening to your concerns, expectations, and receiving your recommendations. My position helps provide a stable and direct link between you and the JMAS team. This year, the equity, diversity, and inclusion components are implemented in my position. I will listen to any of your concerns regarding EDI to ensure a safe and inclusive environment is met for the accounting students at JMSB.

My goal is to improve your student experience and make sure you feel heard! I would like to help as many students as I can so that you can take advantage of the resources that we offer, such as our tutoring services and networking events.

Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

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#### KARINA SONI DIRECTOR OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND EDI

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# **JMAS TUTORIALS**

This year we are committed to delivering tutorials whether they be online or in person.

#### Tutors will be:

- Delivering their material at a set time.
- Sharing their content through a live ZOOM meeting or in-person setting and answering questions during these hours.
- Utilizing class-specific Facebook pages as the main channel of communication with students.

JMAS offers accounting tutorials for six of the core accounting courses required for the CPA Program. Make sure to follow the class-specific pages on Facebook for schedules and content.

ACCO 310 - FINANCIAL REPORTING I

ACCO 320 - FINANCIAL REPORTING II

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ACCO 330 - COST AND MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING

ACCO 340 - INCOME TAXATION IN CANADA

ACCO 360 - PRINCIPLES OF AUDITING

ACCO 420 - FINANCIAL REPORTING III

# UNDERGRADUATE ACCOUNTING PROGRAM

For students enrolled before Fall 2023 JMSB Required Courses (90 credits)

### PREREQUISITES

You must complete these courses **only if you do not see** exemptions or credit for them on your student record. If you completed any of these courses at Concordia, they will be considered as non-business electives.

- MATH 208 Fundamental Mathematics I
- MATH 209 Fundamental Mathematics II
- ECON 201 Introduction to Microeconomics
- ECON 203 Introduction to Macroeconomics
- BTM 200 Fundamentals of Information Technology

### **CORE COURSES**

#### 42 CREDITS

- 205 Business Communications
- 210 Contemporary Business Thinking
- 215 Business Statistics
- 217 Financial Accounting
- 220 Analysis of Markets
- 222 Organizational Behaviour and Theory
- 223 Marketing Management I
- 225 Productions / Operations Management
- 226 Business Technology Management
- 305 Managerial Accounting
- 308 Introduction to Finance
- 315 Business Law and Ethics
- 320 Entrepreneurship
- 401 Strategy and Competition

### **ELECTIVES**

#### 24 CREDITS

A minimum of 12 credits must be non-business courses. The remaining 12 credits of electives may be used as a business minor, or in any combination of appropriate business or non-business courses.

# ACCO MAJOR COURSES

- 310 Financial Reporting I
- 320 Financial Reporting II
- 330 Cost and Management Accounting
- 340 Income Taxation in Canada
- 400 Accounting Theory
- + 3 Optional

# UNDERGRADUATE ACCOUNTING PROGRAM

For students enrolled Fall 2023 and onwards JMSB Required Courses (90 credits)

### PREREOUISITES

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- **MATH 209** Fundamental Mathematics II
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- ECON 203 Introduction to Macroeconomics"

### CORE COURSES

#### **48 CREDITS**

- 205 Business Communications
- 211 Global Business Environment
- 213 Computing and Visualization Tools for Business Analytics 227 Interpersonal and Critical Thinking Skills
- 214 Business Analytics
- 216 Ethics, Business Sustainability, and Social Responsibilities 305 Managerial Accounting
- 217 Financial Accounting
- 219 Innovation Management
- 221 Financial Markets
- 223 Marketing Management

### ACCO MAJOR COURSES

#### 24 CREDITS

- 310 Financial Reporting I
- 320 Financial Reporting II
- 330 Cost and Management Accounting

- 225 Production and Operations Management
- 226 Business Technology Management
- 229 Managing People in Organizations
- 309 Business Finance
- 316 Business Law and Ethics
- 320 Entrepreneurship
- 401 Strategic Management
- 340 Income Taxation in Canada
- 400 Accounting Theory
- +3 Ontional

### **ELECTIVES**

#### **18 CREDITS**

A minimum of 6 credits must be non-business courses. The remaining 12 credits of electives may be used as a business minor, or in any combination of appropriate business or nonbusiness courses.

# JMSB GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CPA

Required Courses for the JMSB CPA Program For students enrolled before Fall 2023

## ACCO COURSES

- 310 Financial Reporting I
- 320 Financial Reporting II
- 330 Cost and Management Accounting
- 435 Strategic Accounting Case Analysis
- 360 OR 450 Principles of Auditing OR Assurance Services
- 400 Accounting Theory
- 465 Advanced Assurance Services
- 340 Income Taxation in Canada
- 420 Financial Reporting III
- 440 Advanced Taxation

### **OTHER COURSES**

- COMM 215 Business Statistics
- COMM 217 Financial Accounting
- COMM 226 Business Technology Management
- COMM 305 Managerial Accounting
- COMM 308 Introduction to Finance
- COMM 315 Business Law and Ethics
- COMM 401 Strategy and Competition
- ECON 201 Introduction to Microeconomics
- ECON 203 Introduction to Macroeconomics

JMSB offers a great program that prepares students to succeed on the CFE on their way to earning the CPA Professional permit

Two of the following ACCO classes must be taken as business electives

These are requirements for JMSB's CPA program. See the CPA program section (pg.24) for the requirement of other CPA programs.

# JMSB GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CPA

Required Courses for the JMSB CPA Program For students enrolled Fall 2023 and onwards

### ACCO COURSES

- 310 Financial Reporting I
- 320 Financial Reporting II
- 330 Cost and Management Accounting
- 435 Strategic Accounting Case Analysis
- 360 OR 450 Principles of Auditing OR Assurance Services
- 400 Accounting Theory
- 465 Advanced Assurance Services
- 340 Income Taxation in Canada
- 420 Financial Reporting III
- 440 Advanced Taxation

### **OTHER COURSES**

- COMM 213 Computing and Visualization Tools for Business
- COMM 214 Business Analytics
- COMM 216 Ethics, Business Sustainability, and Social Responsibility
- COMM 217 Financial Accounting
- COMM 226 Business Technology Management
- COMM 305 Managerial Accounting
- COMM 309 Introduction to Finance
- COMM 316 Business Law and Ethics
- COMM 401 Strategy and Competition
- ECON 201 Introduction to Microeconomics
- ECON 203 Introduction to Macroeconomics

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Two of the following ACCO classes must be taken as business electives



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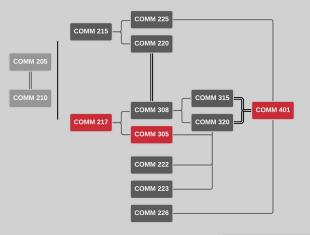






# COMM CLASSES FLOWCHART

### For students enrolled before Fall 2023



#### COMM 205, COMM 210

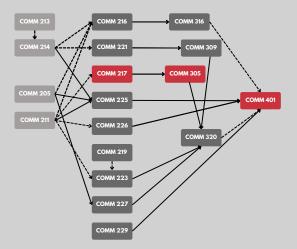
Students cannot move forward without completing these two courses before the other core courses

#### ACCO PREREQUISITES

NOTE: Double lines indicate two classes that can be taken concurrently

# COMM CLASSES FLOWCHART

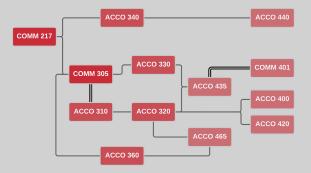
For students enrolled Fall 2023 and onwards



NOTES:

- · Dotted arrows indicate two classes that can be taken concurrently (co-requisite)
- Solid arrows are refer to a course that should be completed the course appearing at the end of the arrow (prerequisite)

# ACCO CLASSES FLOWCHART



Courses recommended to be completed by year of study:

NOTE: Double lines indicate two classes that can be taken concurrently

 YEAR 1
 COMM 217, COMM 305

 YEAR 2
 ACCO 310, ACCO 320, ACCO 330, ACCO 340, ACCO 360

YEAR 3 ACCO 420, ACCO 435, ACCO 440, ACCO 465, ACCO 400, COMM 401 🦷



Name: \_

Student no.: \_\_\_\_

| Prerequisites            |                             |  |          |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--|----------|
|                          |                             | e exemptions or credit for them<br>will be considered as non-busin   |          |
| MATH 208                 | ECON 201                    | BTM 200  |          |
| MATH 209                 | ECON 203                    |  |          |
|                          |                             |  |          |
| Core Courses (42 credit  | s): All BComm students must | complete the following 14 course                                     | es:      |
| COMM 205                 | COMM 220                    | COMM 226   | COMM 315 |
| COMM 210                 | COMM 222                    | COMM 305   | COMM 320 |
| COMM 215                 | COMM 223                    | COMM 308   | COMM 401 |
| COMM 217                 | COMM 225                    |  |          |
|                          |                             | e required courses below and cho<br>CPA: ACCO 360, 420, 440, 435, 46 |          |
| ACCO 310                 | ACCO 330                    | ACCO 400   | ACCO     |
| ACCO 320                 | ACCO 340                    | ACCO   | ACCO     |
|                          |                             | its must be non-business cours<br>any combination of appropriate bu  |          |
| Non-Business Electives ( | 2 credits):                 |  |          |
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| Open Choice Electives (I | 2 credits):                 |  |          |
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| Sample First Year Se     | chedule for Full-time S     | Students   |          |

You may register for five courses per term, but we suggest a maximum of four courses in each term during your first year. Always complete any missing prerequisite or ESL courses in your first year.

| Term 1   | Term 2   | Important  |
|--|--|--|
| COMM 205     COMM 210     COMM 210     COMM 215     COMM 217 | <ul> <li>COMM 220</li> <li>COMM 222</li> <li>COMM 223</li> <li>COMM 305</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>You should register for courses in both Fall and Winter terms<br/>once you have access.</li> <li>Consult the Undergraduate Calendar and Class Schedule to plan<br/>your class schedule wisely.</li> <li>Consult the Registration Guide for help when choosing courses.</li> </ul> |

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#### Important

Academic advisors are available to help you make your class schedule, change your course load and plan your degree
progression; please refer to the academic advising section of our website to book an appointment.

 If you are required to take ESL courses, up to 9 ESL credits may count toward your degree. Even if ESL courses are not required, up to 6 ESL credits may count toward your degree.



Name: \_\_\_\_

Student no.: .

| Student no.:                                    |   |   |                        |   |
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| Prerequisites                                   |   |   |                        |   |
|   | ese courses <b>only if yo</b><br>of these courses at Co |   |                        | em on your student record.<br>siness electives.                             |
| MATH 208  | ECON 201  |   |                        |   |
| MATH 209  | ECON 203  |   |                        |   |
|   |   |   |                        |   |
| Core Courses (48 C                              | redits): All BComm st                                   | udents must complet   | e the following 18 cou | rses:   |
| COMM 205  | COMM 216  | COMM 223  | COMM 229               | COMM 320  |
| COMM 211  | COMM 217  | COMM 225  | COMM 305               | COMM 401  |
| COMM 213  | COMM 219  | COMM 226  | COMM 309               |   |
| COMM 214  | COMM 221  | COMM 227  | COMM 316               |   |
|   |   |   |                        | hoose three additional ACCO<br>465. See <u>here</u> for more details.       |
| ACCO 310  | ACCO 330  |   | CO 400                 | ACCO  |
| ACCO 320  | ACCO 340  | 🗆 AC  | со                     | ACCO  |
|   | nay be used as a busines                                |   |                        | <b>irses.</b> The remaining 12 credits of business or non-business courses. |
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| Open Choice Electiv                             | res (12 credits):                                       |   |                        |   |
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| Sample First Yea                                | r Schedule for F  | ull-time Stude  | nts                    |   |
| Always complete any r<br>You may register for I |   |   |                        | elective and core courses.<br>your first term.                              |
| Term 1  | Term 2  | Important   |                        |   |
| COMM 205  | COMM 217  |   |                        | both Fall and Winter terms  |
| COMM 211  | COMM 221  | once you ha<br>• Consult the  |                        | dar and Class Schedule to plan  |
|   | COMM 223  | <ul> <li>Consult the Undergraduate Calendar and Class Schedule to plan<br/>your class schedule wisely.</li> </ul> |                        |   |
| COMM 219  |   |   |                        | r help when choosing courses.   |
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 Academic advisors are available to help you review your class schedule, change your course load and plan your degree progression on a yearly basis; please refer to the academic advising section of our website to book an appointment.
 If you are remired to take RFL courses, un to 9 FSL credits may count toward your degree from IFSL courses.



 If you are required to take ESL courses, up to 9 ESL credits may count toward your degree. Even if ESL courses are not required, up to 6 ESL credits may count toward your degree.

# SCHEDULE BUILDING

### **PLAN FOR SUCCESS**

While personal study habits contribute to success in school, planning is a key factor.

Creating an effective schedule and ensuring that you have a manageable workload can really reduce stress during a 13-week semester.

Not all classes are the same! Your BCOMM in Accountancy will consist of computational classes (math-based) and theory classes (memorization).

| THEORY-BASED |  | MATH-BASED  |   |  |
|--------------|--|---|---|--|
| OMM 211      | COMM 213                                 | COMM 214  | COMM 215  |  |
| OMM 222      | COMM 217                                 | COMM 220  | COMM 221  |  |
| OMM 227      | COMM 225                                 | COMM 305  | COMM 308  |  |
| OMM 316      | COMM 309                                 | ACCO 310  | ACCO 320  |  |
| CCO 360      | ACCO 330                                 | ACCO 340  | ACCO 420  |  |
|              | ACCO 435                                 | ACCO 440  |   |  |
|              | DMM 211<br>DMM 222<br>DMM 227<br>DMM 316 | COMM 211         COMM 213           DMM 212         COMM 217           DMM 222         COMM 217           DMM 227         COMM 225           DMM 316         COMM 309           ACCO 330         ACCO 330 | DMM 211         COMM 213         COMM 214           DMM 222         COMM 217         COMM 220           DMM 227         COMM 225         COMM 305           DMM 316         COMM 309         ACCO 310 |  |

As a general rule of thumb, math-based courses should be paired with theory-oriented classes.

This leads to the 2/2/1 rule: 2 theory courses, 2 practical courses and 1 elective (providing you would like to complete five courses per semester).



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  - Practice cases and professional case marking
  - In-class training sessions



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# **SAMPLE SCHEDULES**

The following are sample schedules designed to help give you a better idea on how to schedule your courses.

The schedules were made based on the required courses for the JMSB Graduate Diploma in CPA Program and the 2/2/1 rule, according to your term of enrolment in the BComm program.

The schedules are examples. Each course schedule is unique to one's academic objectives, time and ambition. Courses can be changed around to meet your specific needs.

For further information concerning course planning,

**Contact our Academics Team** leann.li@jmas.ca karina.soni@jmas.ca



# **SAMPLE SCHEDULES**

### For students enrolled before Fall 2023

LEGEND 14 COMM COURSES 10 ACCO COURSES 6 ELECTIVES

| Ц   |        | OPTIMA  | L MIX  |    |
|-----|--------|---|--|----|
|     | YEAR 1 | FALL         WINTER           COMM 205         COMM 220           COMM 210         COMM 222           COMM 215         COMM 223           COMM 217         COMM 305           ELECTIVE         ELECTIVE |  |    |
|     | SUMMI  | ER ACCO 310 & EI  | LECTIVE  |    |
| 120 | YEAR 2 | FALL<br>COMM 226<br>COMM 308<br>ACCO 320<br>ACCO 360  | WINTER<br>COMM 225<br>COMM 315<br>ACCO 340<br>ACCO 465 |    |
|     | SUMM   | ER ACCO 330 & E   | LECTIVE  |    |
|     | YEAR 3 | FALL<br>COMM 320<br>ACCO 400<br>ACCO 440<br>ELECTIVE  | WINTER<br>COMM 401<br>ACCO 435<br>ACCO 420<br>ELECTIVE |    |
|     |        |   |  | 20 |

| $\mathbb{N}(\mathbb{O})$ | OPTIMAL MIX<br>WITH BCOMM PREREQUISITES |  |  |    |
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|                          | SUMM                                    | ER COMM 215 &  | COMM 305   |    |
| YS.                      | YEAR 2                                  | FALL         WINTER           COMM 220         COMM 225           COMM 308         COMM 315           ACCO 310         ACCO 320           ACCO 360         ACCO 330  |  |    |
|                          | SUMM                                    | ER ACCO 340 &  | ACCO 465   |    |
|                          | YEAR 3                                  | FALL<br>COMM 226<br>COMM 320<br>ACCO 400<br>ACCO 440   | WINTER<br>COMM 401<br>ACCO 435<br>ACCO 420<br>ELECTIVE | 21 |

|              | 4      | CLASS SE   | MESTERS   |
|--------------|--------|--|---|
|              | YEAR 1 | FALL<br>COMM 205<br>COMM 210<br>COMM 215<br>COMM 217                             | WINTER<br>COMM 220<br>COMM 222<br>COMM 223<br>COMM 305        |
| <u>M</u> PLE | YEAR 2 | FALL<br>COMM 226<br>COMM 308<br>ACCO 310<br>ELECTIVE                             | WINTER<br>COMM 315<br>ACCO 320<br>ACCO 330<br>ELECTIVE        |
| S.A          | YEAR 3 | FALL           COMM 225           ACCO 340           ACCO 360           ELECTIVE | <b>WINTER</b><br>COMM 320<br>ACCO 440<br>ACCO 465<br>ELECTIVE |
|              | YEAR 4 | FALL<br>COMM 401<br>ACCO 435<br>ELECTIVE   | WINTER<br>ACCO 400<br>ACCO 420<br>ELECTIVE                    |

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# **5 CLASS SEMESTERS**

|               | FALL     | WINTER   |
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|               | COMM 205 | COMM 220 |
|               | COMM 210 | COMM 222 |
|               | COMM 215 | COMM 223 |
| $\rightarrow$ | COMM 217 | COMM 305 |
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| FALL     |
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| COMM 225 |
| ОММ 320  |
| CCO 220  |

ACCO 330 ACCO 440 ELECTIVE WINTER COMM 401 ACCO 400 ACCO 435 ACCO 420 ELECTIVE

# **SAMPLE SCHEDULE**

### For students enrolled Fall 2023 and onwards

LEGEND 18 COMM COURSES 10 ACCO COURSES 4 ELECTIVES

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| NIW ELL | YEAR 1      | FALL           COMM 205           COMM 211           COMM 213           COMM 214           COMM 217 | WINTER<br>COMM 219<br>COMM 221<br>COMM 223<br>COMM 305<br>ELECTIVE |    |
|         | SUMM        | ER ACCO 310 & C   | OMM 216  |    |
| 177R    | YEAR 2      | FALL<br>ACCO 320<br>ACCO 360<br>COMM 225<br>COMM 226<br>ELECTIVE                                    | WINTER<br>ACCO 340<br>ACCO 465<br>COMM 309<br>COMM 227<br>ELECTIVE |    |
|         | SUMM        | ER ACCO 330 & C   | :OMM 229   |    |
|         | YEAR 3      | FALL<br>ACCO 440<br>ACCO 400<br>COMM 316<br>COMM 320  | WINTER<br>ACCO 435<br>ACCO 420<br>COMM 401<br>ELECTIVE             |    |
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| SAI        | YEAR 2 | FALL           ACCO 310           ACCO 360           COMM 227           COMM 229           ELECTIVE | WINTER<br>ACCO 320<br>ACCO 400<br>COMM 309<br>COMM 316<br>ELECTIVE |
|            | SUMM   | ER ACCO 330 &   | ACCO 465   |
| 2          | YEAR 3 | FALL<br>ACCO 340<br>ACCO 420<br>COMM 320<br>ELECTIVE  | WINTER<br>ACCO 435<br>ACCO 440<br>COMM 401<br>ELECTIVE             |

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|--------|---|--|
| YEAR 1 | FALL<br>COMM 211<br>COMM 205<br>MATH 208<br>ECON 201<br>BTM 200 | WINTER<br>COMM 217<br>COMM 213<br>COMM 214<br>MATH 209<br>ECON 203 |
| YEAR 2 | FALL<br>COMM 305<br>COMM 216<br>COMM 219<br>COMM 225            | WINTER<br>ACCO 310<br>ACCO 360<br>COMM 221<br>COMM 226             |
| YEAR 3 | FALL<br>ACCO 320<br>ACCO 330<br>COMM 223<br>COMM 227            | WINTER<br>ACCO 340<br>ACCO 400<br>COMM 229<br>COMM 309             |
| YEAR 4 | FALL<br>ACCO 440<br>ACCO 435<br>COMM 320<br>COMM 316            | WINTER<br>COMM 401<br>ACCO 420<br>ACCO 465                         |

# WITHOUT SUMMER SEMESTERS

| YEAR 1 | FALL<br>COMM 205<br>COMM 211<br>COMM 213<br>COMM 214<br>COMM 217 | WINTER<br>COMM 221<br>COMM 219<br>COMM 216<br>COMM 305<br>ELECTIVE |
|--------|--|--|
| YEAR 2 | FALL<br>COMM 227<br>COMM 309<br>ACCO 310<br>ELECTIVE             | WINTER<br>COMM 226<br>ACCO 320<br>ACCO 330<br>ELECTIVE             |
| YEAR 3 | FALL<br>COMM 225<br>ACCO 340<br>ACCO 360<br>COMM 223             | WINTER<br>COMM 320<br>ACCO 440<br>ACCO 465<br>COMM 229             |
| YEAR 4 | FALL<br>ACCO 400<br>ACCO 420<br>COMM 316                         | WINTER<br>COMM 401<br>ACCO 435<br>ELECTIVE                         |

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# ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT

# JMSB Tutorials

JMSB offers free tutorials for all the math-based COMM classes. These tutorials have a similar format as the JMAS tutorials and are free! Make sure to check your Moodle portal for course materials, tutorial documents and tutorial schedules.

# **Student Success Centre**

he Student Success Centre (SSC) provides powerful instruments to help you succeed at JMSB. They are here to support you as you build your network through study strategies, mentorship programs, professional support and much more.

## **Concordia Tutorials**

Concordia's downtown campus also offers free individual tutorials for math courses and COMM 215, 217 & 305

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# **CAMPUS SERVICES** Birks Student Service Centre

If you have a school-related problem that needs to be solved, Birks will help you find answers and connect you to the people on campus who can help. Birks can help you get an ID card, pay your tuition fees and request social transcripts, among other services.

# Exams Office

If you have exam conflicts, exams that land on religious holidays, or are unable to write your final for medical reasons, contact the Exams Office to submit the appropriate request forms.

## JMSB Undergraduate Student Affairs Office

The Undergraduate office handles student advising, admissions information, transfer of majors and, all other types of student inquiries.

MB 4.201 514-848-2424, ext. 2721

# CAREER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

## CAREER MANAGEMENT SERVICE (CMS)

An amazing resource for all students. CMS helps you land a job in every way, whether it be by filling out a CACEE form, helping you write your CV and cover letter, or preparing you for interviews! CMS also has a job board that can help you land a summer internship.

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514-848-2424, ext. 4245 careers@jmsb.concordia.ca

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Once your email account has been successfully activated, you can access the Office 365 login page using the following login credentials:

Enter your\_netname@live.concordia.ca on the main login page. You will be redirected to the login screen. Enter your netname and password (same as the MyConcordia portal) to log in.

Note: Your email address will follow the standard format: firstname.lastname@mail. concordia.ca

https://www.concordia.ca/it/services/productivity-suite-students.html

## ACCESS CENTER FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Concordia supports students with a variety of disability conditions through ACSD. Please contact ACSD to find out more on how they can help you. Additionally, students can help the ACSD by preparing notes for students with disabilities.

514-848-2424, ext. 3525 acsdinfo@concordia.ca

# WHY STUDY ACCOUNTING?

Are you organized, good with numbers and have an appetite for continuous learning?

If so, you may want to consider a career in Accountancy.

By studying in Accountancy, you will develop skills for good business practices, such as:

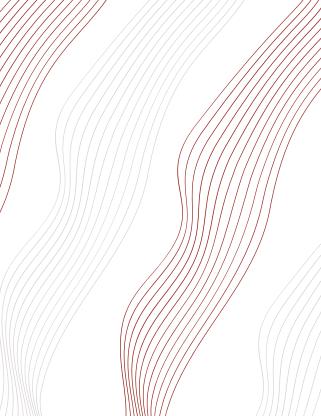
- Complex problem solving
- Strategic and critical thinking
- · Accounting and budgeting skills
- Quantitative skills
- · How to prepare, read and analyze financial statements
- · Understanding the the tax system and tax planning
- · Auditing theory and practice

Accounting is a dynamic field of work that is always in demand. Accountants play a key role in helping organizations succeed by managing, controlling, and organizing their finances.

#### Accounting is the backbone of every business!

Accounting is not just a desk job; accountants get involved in many aspects of organizations. As an accountant, there are a variety of career paths available, including but not limited to:

- Taxation specialist
- Auditor
- Forensic accountant
- Controller



# OBTAINING YOUR CPA DESIGNATION



# **OBTAINING YOUR CPA**

**CPA Professional Education Program (PEP)** 

## **STEP 1 - ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

The first step in the pursuit of the Canadian Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) designation is obtaining a Bachelor's degree.

During their Bachelor's degree, students must complete the prerequisite COMM and ACCO courses and meet the overall and CGPA requirements to be admissible for a CPA Professional Education Program (PEP).

Each PEP program has its own admission criteria. It is important for students to verify the specific requirements for their PEP of choice.

### **STEP 2 - CPA PROGRAM**

The second step is choosing and completing a PEP. There are two options to consider: The National Program offered by CPA Quebec, or the Graduate Program in Chartered Professional Accountancy offered by both Concordia and McGill University. Successfully completing either of the two PEP paths will allow you to write the national CPA Common Final Exam (CFE).

The National Program is a 12-to-24-month program offered online and broken down into Core Modules, Elective Modules and Capstone Modules.

The Graduate Program is a 24-to-30 credits in-class learning experience that covers the same learning objectives as the National Program.

## **STEP 3 - COMMON FINAL EXAMINATION (CFE)**

Once you have completed Professional Education Program (PEP), the next step is writing the three-day Common Final Examination (CFE). The CFE requires candidates to demonstrate depth and breadth of competency development in accordance with the CPA Competency Map. Students must receive a "Pass" in order to qualify for a CPA title.

### **STEP 4 - PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE**

\*\*In addition to writing the CFE, students are required to acquire 24 months of practical experience completed on a full-time basis\*\*

CPA Auditor students must acquire 1250 hours in assurance (audit or review engagements), including at least 625 hours devoted to audit engagements.



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# JMSB GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CPA



# CURRICULUM

8 Courses (30 Credits)

The Graduate Diploma in Chartered Professional Accountancy program consists of:



\*ALL Mandatory

#### Core | Module

ACCO 650: Financial Reporting in Practice ACCO 651: Financial Reporting: Comprehensive Applications

#### Core II Module

ACCO 652: Business Advisory Services ACCO 653: Information Systems and Internal Control

## **ELECTIVES**

\*Choose 2/4

\*ALL Mandatory

ACCO 654<sup>+</sup>: Assurance and Professional Practice ACCO 655<sup>+</sup>: Taxation and Decision-Making ACCO 656<sup>+</sup>: Performance Management ACCO 657<sup>+</sup>: Financial Strategies & Decisions \*If you wish to pursue the Public Accountancy Track (Audit), you must choose ACCO 654 and ACCO 655

## CAPSTONE MODULES

Capstone |

ACCO 658: Capstone I Seminar

#### **Capstone II**

ACCO 659: Capstone II Examination Preparation

## WHAT IS A CAPSTONE?

Exclusively offered during the summer, these modules are designed as an all-in-one preparation to give you the best tools to succeed on the CFE: stress management workshops, industry experts seminars, one-on-one case debriefs with CPAs, group project and debriefs, etc. \*Students may follow a full-time accelerated path, a part-time schedule or a mix of both.

# FLEXIBLE SEQUENCING

Students can pursue full-time or part-time studies and can complete the progam in 1 to 4 years. Classes are held Monday through Thursday evenings. Part-time students can work while studying to gain the necessary practical experience.

Evening course lectures: 1 evening per week, per course

#### ACCELERATED PROGRAM

Full-time students complete the program in approximately 1 year and generally gain practical experience in Winter, during their leave of absence, and after the completion of their studies

Daytime course lectures: 4 hour lectures, 3 days per week

#### **CAPSTONES MODULES**

Capstones are completed concurrently and follow a specialized course calendar from May until the 1st week of August, just before students take the CFE in the Fall. Students are encouraged to take leave from work and study full-time. The Capstone Modules are offered exclusively in summer.

## SAMPLE COURSE PLANS

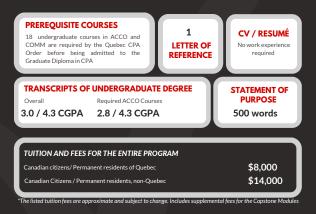
Sample course plans to complete the program in the shortest time, based on term of admission:

| ADMISSION TERM                             |        | COURSE PLAN |                            |  |                                       |                                       |           | First Available<br>CFE | Total # of<br>terms |
|--|--------|-------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|---------------------|
|  |        | FALL        | WINTER                     | SUMMER                                   | FALL                                  | WINTER                                | SUMMER    | FALL                   |                     |
| REGULAR                                    | FALL   | Core 1      | Core 1<br>and/or<br>Core 2 | Core 2<br><sup>and/or</sup><br>Electives | Core 2<br>and/or<br>Electives         | Core 2<br>and/or<br>Electives         | Capstones | CFE                    | 6                   |
|  | WINTER |             | Core 1                     | Core 1<br>and/or<br>Electives            | Core 2<br>and/or<br>Electives         | Core 2<br>and/or<br>Electives         | Capstones | CFE                    | 5                   |
|  | SUMMER |             |                            | Core 1                                   | Core 2                                | Electives                             | Capstones | CFE                    | 4                   |
| SUMMER (FULL-TIME)<br>"Accelerated path    |        |             |                            | Core 1<br><sup>and</sup><br>Core 2       | Core 2<br><sup>and</sup><br>Electives | Leave of<br>Absence                   | Capstones | CFE                    | 3                   |
| FALL (FULL-TIME)<br>"Non- Accelerated path |        |             |                            |  | Core 1<br><sup>and</sup><br>Core 2    | Core 2<br><sup>and</sup><br>Electives | Capstones | CFE                    | 3                   |

# APPLICATION PROCESS

The Admissions Committee takes a holistic approach to assessing an application and will consider every aspect including academic history, professional experience, reference letters, statement of purpose, etc. The competitiveness of your application will also depend upon the other applicants for that same term. You Applicants should focus on putting together the best overall application they can.

The admission requirements include:



#### APPLICATION DEADLINES

Summer Term | Fall Term | Winter Term February 1

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October 1

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Address: 1450 Guv. MB 14.115 Telephone: 514-848-2424 ext. 7344 Email: gradacco.imsb@concordia.ca Webpage: http://www.concordia.ca/jmsb/programs/graduate/cpa.html

# **CPA NATIONAL PROGRAM**

## **Core Modules**

The beginning of the program is comprised of two common core modules:

- Core 1 primarily focuses on financial accounting and reporting
- · Core 2 focuses on management accounting, planning and controls

## **Elective Modules**

There are four elective modules:

- Performance Management
- Finance
- Assurance\*
- Taxation\*

\*These modules are mandatory in order to become a CPA Auditor

## **Capstone Modules**

Capstone 1 and Capstone 2 focus on team management, communication in a professional environment and strategic leadership skills using the knowledge acquired in the previous modules.

\*Important: It is highly recommended that candidates take the Capstone modules 1 and 2 immediately leading up to the CFE. For instance, if you are planning to write the CFE in September, you should register for Capstone 1 starting in May and for Capstone 2 starting in July.

#### For more information, visit:

https://cpaquebec.ca/en/students-and-future-cpas/education/national-program-delivered-by-the-order/



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# **MCGILL CPA PROGRAM**

McGill's full-time CPA program is offered by the Desautels faculty of Management.

## **Prerequisites:**

- Same as JMSB's CPA program + FINA385 or FINA 395
- McGill requires a minimum CGPA requirement of 3.0/4.0\*

\*As such, your GPA, which is on a 4.3 scale, will be reconciled when they are reviewing your application.

\*\*McGill has a part time option at the center of continuing education.

### For more information, visit:

https://www.mcgill.ca/desautels/programs/gcpa





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