Adding Value to Your Team

The Bachelor of Commerce, Accounting Co-op program prepares students with both the academic requirements and 
on-the-job experience for the postgraduate pursuit of becoming a Chartered Professional Accountant. Students develop the 
technical, analytical, evaluative and communication skills needed to quickly make a positive impact on your team.

The University of Guelph is a CPA-accredited post-secondary institution. Students are provided with a strong foundation of accounting 
and general business knowledge, giving them all required transfer credits to cover the CPA’s preparatory courses (formerly known as PREP). 
Accounting students can also apply their time accrued over a co-op work term towards the Practical Experience requirements needed to 
obtain a CPA. By gaining the education and experience that can be applied towards obtaining a CPA, hiring an Accounting Co-op 
student is an economical way to recruit new talent to your organization.

University of Guelph Advantage

University of Guelph students are known for being grounded and highly adaptable, with a strong sense of community and 
collaboration.

We pay particular attention to the issues facing entrepreneurial and family businesses while also addressing the accounting 
needs of large organizations. Consequently, students are well prepared for an accounting career in public practice, industry, or 
government – be it on “Bay Street” or “Main Street”. Approximately two-thirds of our students come from communities outside 
of the Greater Toronto Area. While many may wish to work in the GTA, many others are interested in working in smaller communities.

Students complete a total of four co-op work terms, with the first work term commencing after the completion of a minimum of three 
academic terms. This allows students to gain a solid foundation of accounting knowledge prior to entering their first work term. The final 
two work terms are back-to-back, spanning September to April, allowing employers the flexibility to offer an eight-month work term to 
upper-year students.

Upon graduation, students can continue their CPA studies at the University of Guelph by enrolling in our Graduate Diploma in 
Accounting. Completion of this diploma program provides graduates with advanced standing to the CPA Capstone 1 module in the CPA 
Professional Education Program (CPA PEP).

Student Strengths

- Students develop their analytical and problem-solving skills through simulations and experiential learning that reflects the work and 
issues they will encounter in the real world
- Students also gain a strong ability to collaborate effectively in teams, developed as a result of work in group assignments and 
projects
- Effective leadership and communication skills are enhanced, as well, through education, extra-curricular involvement and work 
experiences
## Accounting Academic & Co-op Schedule

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| **ONE** | • INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS  
• INTRODUCTORY MICROECONOMICS  
• BUSINESS MATHEMATICS  
• INTRODUCTORY FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING | • APPLIED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING  
• INTRODUCTORY MACROECONOMICS  
• INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS IN ORGANIZATIONS  
• INTRODUCTORY TO CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION  
• 2 ELECTIVES | OFF |
| **TWO** | • MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING  
• INTERMEDIATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING I  
• STATISTICS FOR BUSINESS DECISIONS OR ECONOMIC STATISTICS  
• INTRODUCTORY MARKETING  
• 1 ELECTIVE | WORK TERM ONE | WORK TERM ONE (ALTERNATE*)  
• AUDITING I  
• INTERMEDIATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING II  
• TAXATION  
• INFORMATION MANAGEMENT  
• 1 ELECTIVE |
| **THREE** | • THEORY OF FINANCE  
• OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT  
• HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT  
• 2 ELECTIVES | WORK TERM TWO | WORK TERM TWO  
• INTERMEDIATE MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING  
• CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSABILITY  
• BUSINESS AND CONSUMER LAW  
• FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
• 1 ELECTIVE |
| **FOUR** | WORK TERM THREE | WORK TERM FOUR | OFF |
| **FIVE** | • ADVANCED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING  
• STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT  
• 1 ELECTIVE | • ADVANCED MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING  
• 4 ELECTIVES | TWO OF:  
• AUDITING II  
• ACCOUNTING THEORY  
• INCOME TAXATION II  
• INTEGRATED CASES IN ACCOUNTING  
• IT AUDITING AND DATA ANALYTICS |

*Students’ first co-op work term commences in either the Winter or Summer term, dependent upon employer needs. Students with a first co-op work term in the Summer will follow a revised academic schedule.*

**BASED ON THE 2016/17 UNDERGRADUATE CALENDAR.**

**PLEASE REFER TO THE CURRENT UNDERGRADUATE CALENDAR FOR MORE INFORMATION**