

THE ACCOUNTING STUDENT HANDBOOK



2022-2023

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NOTE FROM THE CREATORS

This handbook has been created to advise accounting students on available resources, course planning, the CPA designation, and more. We hope that you find value in this booklet and reap its benefits.

As undergraduate students applying to the CPA Program next year, we know that being informed and organized can help in great ways.

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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ONLINE TO IN-PERSON

As Concordia plans for a gradual return to campus, the Fall 2021 term will be a combination of in-person, remote and blended learning, with plenty of opportunity for on-campus activities.

Help prevent the spread of COVID-19

- Do not attend any in-person activities if you have any COVID-19 related symptoms or if you have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19.
- Wear your mask when entering university buildings and using shared indoor spaces.
- Respect hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette, including covering your mouth and nose with your arm when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid direct contact with others when greeting them.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Maintain 2 metres of physical distance from classmates and staff.
- **Get vaccinated!**



With the return to campus, the JMAS Team is committed to offering both online and in-person events where possible.

Online Events Etiquette:

- When possible, keep your camera on.
- Make sure to dress appropriately for the event as if you were attending it in person.
- Put yourself on mute when you are not talking.
- Stage your video area to get the best lighting and make sure you are comfortable.
- Before the event starts, make sure your microphone and camera work properly and check to see if you're on a reliable connection.
- When possible, use your laptop instead of your phone.

For all information regarding in-person events, please visit the [JMAS Facebook Page](#) as COVID safety regulations for on-campus events are continuously being updated.



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JMAS

The John Molson Accounting Society (JMAS) is a student run association operating as a subsidiary of the Commerce and Administration Students' Association (CASA) of the John Molson School of Business (JMSB). As one of the oldest associations in JMSB, we have the honour of representing the major specific student abase that is the accounting student body. As a team, our mission is to enhance the overall university experience of accounting students by providing opportunies to bridge the gap between L'Ordre des Comptables Professionnels Agréés du Québec (OCPAQ), accounting professionals, and JMSB faculty members.



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 Cocktail: 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.

Recruitment Cocktail: Our annual CPA Recruitment Cocktail is the highlight of the year, with over 600 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

2022-2023

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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ANQI XIONG

VP OF ACADEMICS

To introduce myself, my name is Anqi and I am the Vice President of Academics at JMAS. I'm the person who always has an answer on which courses will work best together.

What is my role?

As VP of Academics, my role is to advise and provide support to accounting students at the undergraduate level regarding course planning, the CPA designation, and more. To help students excel in their accounting courses, I am responsible for organizing, managing, and coordinating JMAS tutorials.

This year, I will be working closely with Zackary the Director of Student Affairs, to improve students' academic experience. My goal is to improve the availability and quality of tutorials to provide additional learning support to students.

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

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VP of Academics*



ZACKARY RUBERT

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

To introduce myself, my name is Zack, and I am the Director of Student Affairs at JMAS. I am the other half of the Academics team.

What is my role?

My role is to connect with the accounting student body, listen to your concerns, expectations, and to collect your recommendations. My position is similar to an ambassador's; a stable & direct link between you and the JMAS team. I also help the VP of Academics in advising students and setting up tutorials. My goal is to improve your student life, to make sure you feel heard, but also to build a strong connection with all of you!

I decided to join JMAS to help other accounting students like myself. As the first year representative for JMAS last year I got the opportunity to learn about the the major, networking, and tutorials. I would like to help as many students as I can so that they get to take advantage of all the resources we offer, whether it is events or our tutoring services!

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

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Director of Student Affairs





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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 classes 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

ACCO 330 - COST AND MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING

ACCO 340 - INCOME TAXATION IN CANADA

ACCO 360 - PRINCIPLES OF AUDITING

ACCO 420 - FINANCIAL REPORTING III

ACCO 440 - ADVANCED TAXATION



UNDERGRADUATE ACCOUNTING PROGRAM

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

ACCO MAJOR COURSES

24 CREDITS

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

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.

JMSB CPA PROGRAM

Required Courses for the JMSB CPA Program

ACCO COURSES

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

Extra two ACCO courses for the CPA can be used as business electives

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

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



KPMG Events

Applications are open at kpmg.ca/careers

Looking to skyrocket your career? Join us for our events this fall!

Join us in our in-person or virtual environment where you will have the opportunity to meet with recruiters and KPMG professionals in audit. You can browse our different booths and network with KPMG employees to find out more about our current job openings and how you can launch your career with KPMG.

These events will lift-off in September from **xx-xx timezone**.

Please go on EventBrite and follow KPMG au Québec to register to our events.

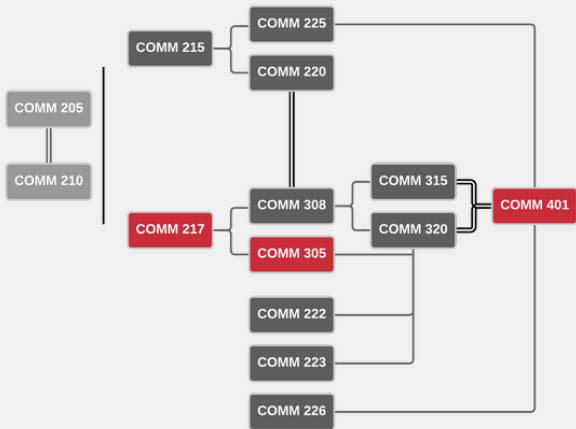
Thank you for your interest in KPMG and we look forward to meeting you soon!



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COMM CLASSES FLOWCHART



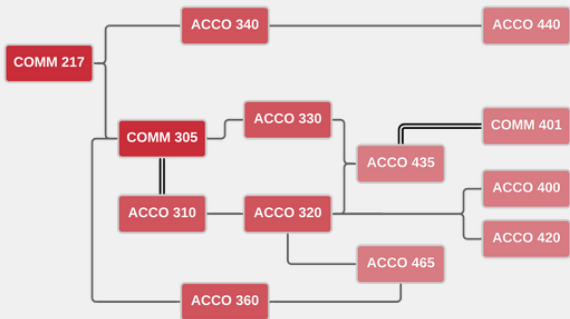
COMM 205, COMM 210

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

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

Program Planning Worksheet BComm: Accountancy (90 credits) 2022-2023 Academic Year

Name: _____

Student no.: _____

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

ECON 201

BTM 200

MATH 209

ECON 203

Core Courses (42 credits): All BComm students must complete the following 14 courses:

☐ 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

Major Courses (24 credits): You must complete the five required courses below **and** choose three additional ACCO courses. The following ACCO courses are required for the CPA: ACCO 360, 420, 440, 435, 465. See [here](#) for more details.

☐ ACCO 310

☐ ACCO 330

☐ ACCO 400

☐ ACCO ____

☐ ACCO 320

☐ ACCO 340

☐ ACCO ____

☐ ACCO ____

Elective Courses (24 credits): A minimum of 12 credits must be non-business courses. The remaining 12 credits of open choice electives may be used as a business minor, or in any combination of appropriate business or non-business courses.

Non-Business Electives (12 credits):

☐ _____

☐ _____

☐ _____

☐ _____

Open Choice Electives (12 credits):

☐ _____

☐ _____

☐ _____

☐ _____

Sample First Year Schedule for Full-time 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

☐ COMM 205

☐ COMM 210

☐ COMM 215

☐ COMM 217

Term 2

☐ COMM 220

☐ COMM 222

☐ COMM 223

☐ COMM 305

Important

- You should register for courses in both Fall and Winter terms once you have access.
- Consult the [Undergraduate Calendar](#) and [Class Schedule](#) to plan your class schedule wisely.
- Consult the [Registration Guide](#) for help when choosing courses.

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.

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

COMM 205	COMM 210	COMM 222
COMM 223	COMM 226	COMM 315
COMM 320	COMM 401	ACCO 360
ACCO 400	ACCO 465	

MATH-BASED

COMM 215	COMM 217	COMM 220
COMM 225	COMM 305	COMM 308
ACCO 310	ACCO 320	ACCO 330
ACCO 340	ACCO 420	ACCO 435
ACCO 440		

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 (permitting you would like to complete five courses per semester).

2/2/1



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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 CPA program and the 2/2/1 rule.

The schedules are examples. Each schedule is unique to ones 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

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LEGEND

14 COMM COURSES

10 ACCO COURSES

6 ELECTIVES



OPTIMAL MIX

YEAR 1

FALL

COMM 205
COMM 210
COMM 215
COMM 217
ELECTIVE

WINTER

COMM 220
COMM 222
COMM 223
COMM 305
ELECTIVE

SUMMER

ACCO 310 & ELECTIVE

YEAR 2

FALL

COMM 226
COMM 308
ACCO 320
ACCO 360

WINTER

COMM 225
COMM 315
ACCO 340
ACCO 465

SUMMER

ACCO 330 & ELECTIVE

YEAR 3

FALL

COMM 320
ACCO 400
ACCO 440
ELECTIVE

WINTER

COMM 401
ACCO 435
ACCO 420
ELECTIVE

OPTIMAL MIX

WITH PREREQUISITES

YEAR 1

FALL

COMM 205
COMM 210
MATH 208
ECON 201
BTM 200

WINTER

COMM 217
COMM 222
COMM 223
MATH 209
ECON 203

SUMMER

COMM 215 & COMM 305

YEAR 2

FALL

COMM 220
COMM 308
ACCO 310
ACCO 360

WINTER

COMM 225
COMM 315
ACCO 320
ACCO 330

SUMMER

ACCO 340 & ACCO 465

YEAR 3

FALL

COMM 226
COMM 320
ACCO 400
ACCO 440

WINTER

COMM 401
ACCO 435
ACCO 420
ELECTIVE

4 CLASS SEMESTER

YEAR 1

FALL

COMM 205
COMM 210
COMM 215
COMM 217

WINTER

COMM 220
COMM 222
COMM 223
COMM 305

YEAR 2

FALL

COMM 226
COMM 308
ACCO 310
ELECTIVE

WINTER

COMM 315
ACCO 320
ACCO 330
ELECTIVE

YEAR 3

FALL

COMM 225
ACCO 340
ACCO 360
ELECTIVE

WINTER

COMM 320
ACCO 440
ACCO 465
ELECTIVE

YEAR 4

FALL

COMM 401
ACCO 435
ELECTIVE

WINTER

ACCO 400
ACCO 420
ELECTIVE

5 CLASS SEMESTER

YEAR 1

FALL

COMM 205
COMM 210
COMM 215
COMM 217
ELECTIVE

WINTER

COMM 220
COMM 222
COMM 223
COMM 305
ELECTIVE

YEAR 2

FALL

COMM 226
COMM 308
ACCO 310
ACCO 360
ELECTIVE

WINTER

COMM 315
ACCO 320
ACCO 340
ACCO 465
ELECTIVE

YEAR 3

FALL

COMM 225
COMM 320
ACCO 330
ACCO 440
ELECTIVE

WINTER

COMM 401
ACCO 400
ACCO 435
ACCO 420
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 Center

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

SGW H-440

514-848-2424, ext.392

Concordia Tutorials

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

SGW H-460



CAMPUS SERVICES

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 need to get an ID card, pay your tuition fees and request social transcripts among other services.

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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.

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514-848-2424, ext. 2676, 2609 or 2608

JMSB Undergraduate Student Affairs Offices

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

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CAREER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

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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 Concordia- specific 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

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514-848-2424, ext. 3525
acsinfo@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 practice, such as:

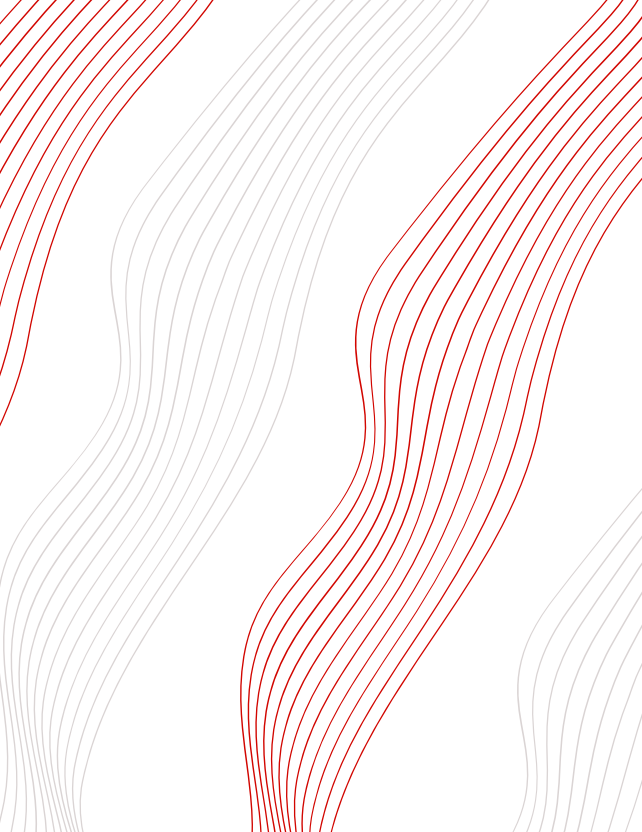
- Complex problem solving
- Strategic and critical thinking
- Accounting and budgeting skills
- Quantitative skills
- How to prepare, read and analyze financial statements
- Understand the tax system and tax planning
- Auditing theory and practice

Accounting is a field of work that is always in demand. Accountants play a key role in managing, controlling, and organizing the financials of business entities.

Accounting is the backbone of every business!

As an accountant, there are a variety of career paths available, including but not limited to:

- Taxation specialist
- Auditor
- Forensic accountant
- Controller





THE CPA PROGRAM

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.

In the completion of their bachelor's degree, students must complete the prerequisite commerce and accounting courses and meet the overall and course specific GPA requirements to be admissible for a CPA Professional Education Program (CPA PEP).

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



STEP 2 - CPA PROGRAM

The second step is choosing and completing a CPA program. 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 the CPA Professional Education Program, the next step is writing the three-day Common Final Examination (CFE). The examination 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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Comprehensive Applications

Core II Module

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

ELECTIVES

*Choose 2/4

ACCO 654*: Assurance and Professional Practice
ACCO 655*: Taxation and Decision-Making
ACCO 656: Performance Management
ACCO 657: Financial Strategies & Decisions

***If you wish to pursue the Public Accountancy Track (Audit), you must choose ACCO 654 and ACCO 655**

CAPSTONE MODULES

*ALL Mandatory

Capstone I

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.

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 CFE	Total # of terms
		FALL	WINTER	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	SUMMER		
PART-TIME	FALL	Core 1	Core 1 and/or Core 2	Core 2 and/or Electives	Core 2 and/or Electives	Core 2 and/or Electives	Capstones	CFE	6
	WINTER		Core 1	Core 1 and/or Electives	Core 2 and/or Electives	Core 2 and/or Electives	Capstones	CFE	5
	SUMMER			Core 1	Core 2	Electives	Capstones	CFE	4
SUMMER (FULL-TIME) <small>*Accelerated path</small>				Core 1 and Core 2	Core 2 and Electives	Leave of Absence	Capstones	CFE	4

*Students may follow a full-time accelerated path, a part-time schedule or a mix of both.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

PART-TIME PROGRAM

Part-time students have up to 4 years to complete the program and generally work full-time throughout their studies in order to gain practical experience.

Evening course lectures: 1 evening per week, per course

CAPSTONES

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

APPLICATION PROCESS

The JMSB Graduate Diploma in Chartered Professional Accountancy (CPA) program allows students pursuing the Canadian CPA designation to earn a graduate-level university degree in accounting while preparing to successfully write the CPA Common Final Exam (CFE). The JMSB CPA program features flexible scheduling options, dedicated instructors with years of audit, consulting & accounting experience, and offers an in-class learning experience.



PREREQUISITE COURSES

18 undergraduate courses in Accounting and Commerce are required by the Quebec CPA Order before being admitted to the Graduate Diploma in CPA

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LETTER OF REFERENCE

CV / RESUMÉ

No work experience required

TRANSCRIPTS OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE

Overall

3.0 / 4.3 GPA

Prerequisite ACCO Courses

2.8 / 4.3 CGPA

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

500 words

TUITION FEE

Canadians / Permanent residents, Quebec

\$7,400

Canadians / Permanent residents, non-Quebec

\$13,000

**The listed tuition fees are approximate and subject to change. Includes supplemental fees for the Capstone Modules*

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Summer Term

February 1

Fall Term

June 1

Winter Term

October 1

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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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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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.

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