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Bridging in Accountancy FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What are the requirements for the Bridging Programme?

In order to qualify for applying for the **Bridging Programme** a student needs to be in possession of a degree in other commerce fields such as financial management or economics with knowledge of accounting, taxation and auditing or internal auditing or a BTech in Accounting. **Please note that students must have attained a score of 4 or more in Mathematics at National Senior Certificate level (NSC) in order to qualify for the programme.**

What is the difference between the Advanced Diploma and the Bridging Programme?

The Advanced Diploma is offered to a student with a National Diploma in Accounting to allow a student to bridge from a National Diploma to Honours in either Taxation or Internal Auditing, should they meet the minimum requirements for the Honours in either Taxation or Internal Auditing programme. The Bridging Programme is offered to students who have obtained a degree and need to improve academic results to obtain entry into the Honours in either Taxation or Internal Auditing or for students who do not have the right subjects for entry into the Honours in either Taxation or Internal Auditing to complete those subjects. The bridging programme is also suitable for students with a BTech in Accounting who wish to pursue a Honours programme.

What subjects are offered on the Bridging Programme?

For a student with a commerce degree, the subjects are:

- Accounting;
- Taxation;
- Auditing.

For a student with a BTech, the subjects are:

- Accounting;
- Taxation;
- Auditing;
- Mathematics (first semester); and
- Business Ethics and Citizenship (second semester).

When are the classes?

The classes are Mondays to Thursdays from 16:20 – 19:20.

Where are the classes presented?

On the Auckland Park Kingsway Campus.

Does this mean that the Bridging Programme is a part-time course?

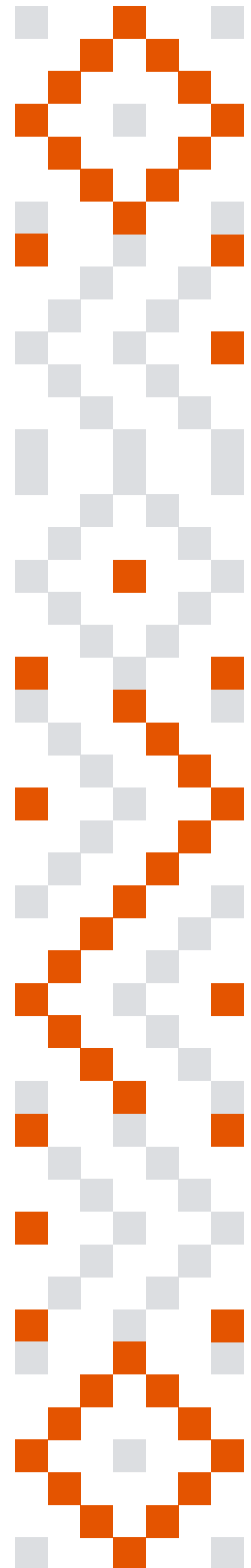
The Bridging Programme is **not a part-time course**, even though the lectures are in the evenings. The classes are a duplication of third year degree classes, presented by the same lecturers that lecture the degree students. The free time during the day is needed to study and consult.

Are there any cut-off points in the course?

A student needs a minimum of 40% in **each** of the 3 year subjects in the first semester in order to continue with the Bridging Programme after the June assessments. A Student with a BTech must attain a minimum of 40% in **each** of the 3 year subjects in the first semester and pass Financial Numeracy in order to continue with the Bridging Programme after the June assessments. At the end of the year, a student will need a minimum of 40% to be eligible to write the final assessments in the subjects at the end of the year.

What is the cost of the course?

There is a registration fee payable at registration, together with an ITC levy and a portion of the class fees (R3 750). These fees will be detailed in the acceptance letter. The cost of the course is determined by the University of Johannesburg. The class fees are approximately R35 000 (excluding textbooks and registration fees). These fees will be increased for the following academic year.



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What can I do after I have completed the Bridging Programme?

You will be able to apply for the Honours in either Taxation or Internal Auditing. All of the above mentioned courses are only offered on a **full-time** basis.

What are the requirements for the Honours in Internal Auditing or Taxation?

A potential student must be in possession of a BCom or have successfully passed the Bridging Programme. A potential student must have appropriate knowledge of Accounting, Taxation and Auditing (NQF level 6). You need a minimum of 60% for Accounting, Taxation and Auditing or Internal Auditing in order to be eligible for the Honours in either Taxation or Internal Auditing. **Please note that these are minimum requirements for application only. Space is limited and is based on academic performance.**

Does this mean that if a degree student does the Bridging Programme they can become a Chartered Accountant (CA)?

No, the Bridging Programme does not make you eligible to apply for the Post Graduate Diploma in Accountancy Sciences.

What are the options if a student wishes to become a CA?

Once a student has successfully completed the degree they may apply for a bridging certificate in the theory of accounting (BCTA), which is a one year course. Upon successful completion of the BCTA and meeting the minimum academic entry requirements the the Post Graduate Diploma in Accounting Sciences, they may apply for Post Graduate Diploma in Accounting Sciences.

Can a student with a BTech in Accounting become a CA?

Students in possession of a BTech in Accounting are required to first complete the Bridging Programme in Accounting. Upon successful completion of the Bridging Programme, and provided the student meets the minimum requirements for the BCTA programme, the students may complete the BCTA programme. Upon successful completion of the BCTA and meeting the minimum academic entry requirements the Honours degree, they may apply for the Post Graduate Diploma in Accounting Sciences.

When do the applications for the Bridging Programme open

The applications are open from May through to October, you apply on-line via the UJ website. The qualification code for the Bridging Programme in Accountancy is S3PACQ.

When is the closing date?

Please refer to the UJ website for the official closing date.

Please note that space on the programme is very limited and will be allocated based on academic performance. No late applications will be accepted.

International students / International qualification must contact the Division for Internationalisation at the University – contact telephone number 011 559 4517.

Applications for International students open on 1 June and close August 2021.

