

School of Accountancy

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Bachelor of
Accountancy [BAcc]

Undergraduate

Dean's Message

Dear prospective student,

As you stand at crossroads deciding the next stage of your education journey, ask yourself this question, "What do you aspire to achieve in university and beyond?"

Your tertiary education is about exploring your potential and acquiring the tools and knowledge to shape not just your desired career, but your aspirations in life as well.

Our Bachelor of Accountancy (BAcc) programme provides a holistic education that is broad-based with a strong accounting core, covering business, data analytics, digital technology, sustainability, entrepreneurship, leadership skills, communications, and social responsibility – preparing our students to pursue meaningful careers in the accounting and finance professions.

Our Second Majors and recently launched Sustainability Accounting Track are designed to groom our students to excel in emerging areas in the accounting and finance industries. The Second Major in Accounting Data & Analytics features data technology and accounting applications courses that are developed in line with industry needs, while our Second Major in Financial Forensics will equip students with the required knowledge and skills to detect and prevent fraud – an important competency in today's volatile business environment. Our new Sustainability Accounting Track will also equip students with the knowledge to integrate sustainability into financial reporting and decision-making.

Our goal at the SMU School of Accountancy (SOA) is to nurture future talents who are proficient in accounting data analytics and AI applications, capable of communicating analyses effectively, and equipped with sound accounting knowledge and sustainability mastery to make good judgement and recommendations. Above all, we believe in offering opportunities for students to enrich their tertiary experiences – be it pursuing their hobbies and interests, building professional skills, gaining global exposure, or even starting their own businesses.

Ultimately, we empower you to create your own unique pathway at SOA. After all, it is our aspiration to nurture you into achieving yours.

We look forward to welcoming you as our student.

Professor Zhang Liandong

Dean, School of Accountancy
Lee Kong Chian Professor



Relevant Knowledge + Tech Savvy + Soft Skills =

Accountants of the Future

The role of the accounting professional today has evolved. As demands for their expertise grow across diverse areas, accounting professionals increasingly adopt a stewardship role in their organisations, driving its long-term strategy and corporate sustainability.

The changing business environment and technological advancements have also transformed the accounting landscape. According to the "Developing Singapore's Accountancy Workforce of Tomorrow" report released by the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA) in May 2024, "data analytics, financial forensics, artificial intelligence (AI), cybersecurity and sustainability reporting" are the new competencies that the accounting workforce needs to have to meet the evolving demands of the profession.

This means that accountants of the future must acquire the latest knowledge to adapt to these changes, have strong people skills and be proficient in emerging technologies, in order to thrive in the face of disruption.

Our SMU Bachelor of Accountancy (BAcc) programme is designed to groom our students to navigate these challenges effectively.

RELEVANT KNOWLEDGE

Accounting and Business

Our rigorous BAcc Curriculum accredited by 10 educational and professional bodies equips you with sound accounting knowledge and an understanding of its applicability across different disciplines.



**SMU BACC
GROOMS YOU INTO
ACCOUNTANTS
OF THE FUTURE**

Sustainability

Develop a mastery in sustainability through a broad spectrum of sustainability topics embedded within our BAcc curriculum.

TECH-SAVVY

Data Technology, Artificial Intelligence, and Accounting Application courses develop your digital skills and ability to apply emerging accounting technologies at the workplace.



SOFT SKILLS

SMU's seminar-style learning and interactive pedagogy groom you into an articulate and effective communicator.



Experiential learning and global exposure opportunities develop your job skills, leadership capabilities, and a broadened worldview.

Strong Employability × **Diverse Career Options** =

SMU BAcc Career Prospects

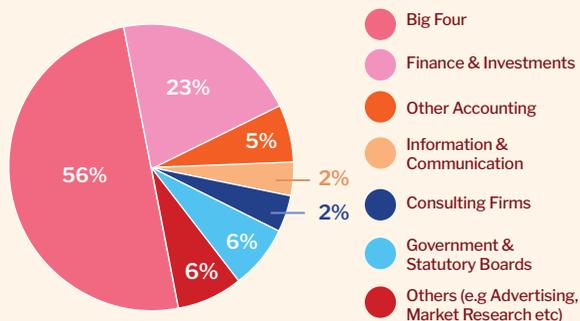
According to ACRA's "Developing Singapore's Accountancy Workforce of Tomorrow" report, the rise of emerging technologies; the expansion of the role of accountants into protecting public interest; and greater focus on environmental, social and governance (ESG), are major trends that have been driving the demand for accounting services across accounting and non-accounting sectors. ACRA's AE (Accounting Entitles) Survey 2024 reported a revenue growth of 7.5% to approximately \$3.5 billion in the accounting sector. The sector also plans to hire over 1500 talents to expand its workforce.

Our SMU BAcc programme develops our graduates into future-ready accounting professionals and are highly sought after by employers.

According to the SMU Graduate Employment Survey (GES) 2024



CAREER CHOICES OF BACC GRADUATES (ACCORDING TO GES 2024)



DIVERSE CAREER OPTIONS

Knowledge in accounting enables businesses to classify and interpret financial information and find their competitive edge in the global economy. Accounting offers more flexibility than most people realise, and in reality the profession provides a range of interesting career choices.

The advancement of technology, increased focus on sustainability, new business models, and globalisation have created increased demand for different accounting services, offering even greater diversity in careers for the accounting professional. Accounting professionals are in demand in the following areas:

Potential Career Pathways For Accounting Graduates

- Audit & Assurance
- Business Valuation
- Consultancy
- Enterprise Risk Management
- Financial Accounting
- Financial Forensics
- Internal Audit
- Investment Banking
- Management Accounting
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Sustainability Accounting
- Tax
- And more...

EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS OF SOA GRADUATES

Accounting Firms

Deloitte | EY | KPMG | PwC | Baker Tilly | Grant Thornton LLP | Moore Stephens LLP | RSM

Finance & Investments

Barclays Bank PLC | Citibank | DBS | Deutsche Bank | Morgan Stanley | GIC | Goldman Sachs | Standard Chartered Bank | UOB | OCBC | Temasek

Consulting Firms

Accenture Pte Ltd | Bain & Company | Oliver Wyman | McKinsey & Company

Government and Statutory Boards

Accountant-General's Department | Auditor-General's Office | Monetary Authority of Singapore | Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore | Commercial Affairs Department, Singapore Police Force

Others

Amazon | Google | Grab | LinkedIn | Meta | Ninja Van | ShopBack | Shopee

Achievements in Thought Leadership + **Accounting Education**

Global Recognition for SMU BAcc

ACCREDITATIONS

We are the youngest local institution to have received accreditation from AACSB International for both its Accounting and Business programmes. In addition, the SMU Bachelor of Accountancy (BAcc) has been accredited and endorsed by 9 other professional industry bodies – the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA), the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants (ISCA), the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), The Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ), CPA Australia, the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), the Certified Management Accountants Australia (CMA), the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) and the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA).



The SMU Bachelor of Accountancy (BAcc) programme enjoys module exemptions offered by many of the professional accounting bodies and our graduates are able to acquire their professional accounting qualifications in the shortest amount of time possible.

BAcc students are eligible for the Accelerated Pathway Programme by ISCA, which allow them to achieve their Chartered Accountant of Singapore (CA Singapore) designation in a shorter time frame. The APP encourages students through sponsorships and support, to frontload their Singapore Chartered Accountant Qualification (SCAQ) Professional Programme (PP) modules while studying. Our BAcc programme also has the distinction of being the first accounting programme in Singapore to receive exemption in the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants (ISCA) Financial Forensic Accounting Qualification, which enables graduates to earn the ISCA Financial Forensic Professional (FFP) credential.

"As a Chartered Accountant and relatively young leader within the organisation I work for, I have been thinking about how I can make a meaningful impact to the organisation as well as to my community."

Tan Cihui,

BAcc Class of 2012
Audit Senior Manager, Deloitte Singapore
Deputy Chairperson of Young Professionals Advisory Committee, ISCA



GLOBAL RECOGNITION IN RESEARCH

SOA has achieved international recognition for its high quality accounting research. According to the Brigham Young University (BYU) Accounting Research Rankings (as at February 2025), SOA is ranked 2nd worldwide in Archival Financial Research and 3rd worldwide in Archival Research (All Topics).

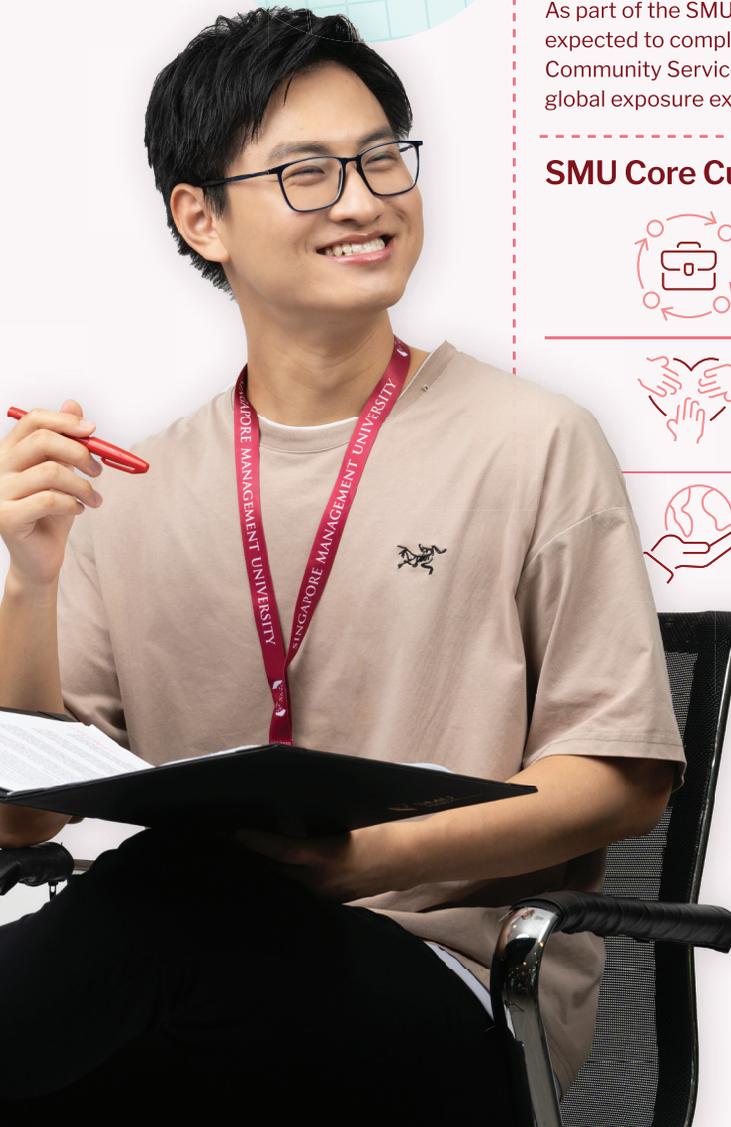
Rigorous BAcc Curriculum



Transformative SMU Core Curriculum

Gaining Relevant Knowledge

Our students gain sound accounting knowledge and an understanding of its applicability across different disciplines.



Rigorous and Broad-based Curriculum

Our Bachelor of Accountancy (BAcc) curriculum is designed with the future in mind. It imparts both knowledge and technical skills, while developing the soft skills our students need to thrive in the new accounting landscape.

Students complete 36 courses made up of a combination of Accounting Core and Elective courses, Business courses, SMU Core Curriculum courses, and Free Electives from any other course of study.

As part of the SMU Core Curriculum requirements, students are also expected to complete an internship, and a minimum of 80 hours of Community Service. Students will also need to embark on at least one global exposure experience before graduating.

SMU Core Curriculum **12 CUs**



CAPABILITIES

The Capabilities pillar equips students with 21st century skills necessary to thrive in an increasingly digitised and data-driven working environment.



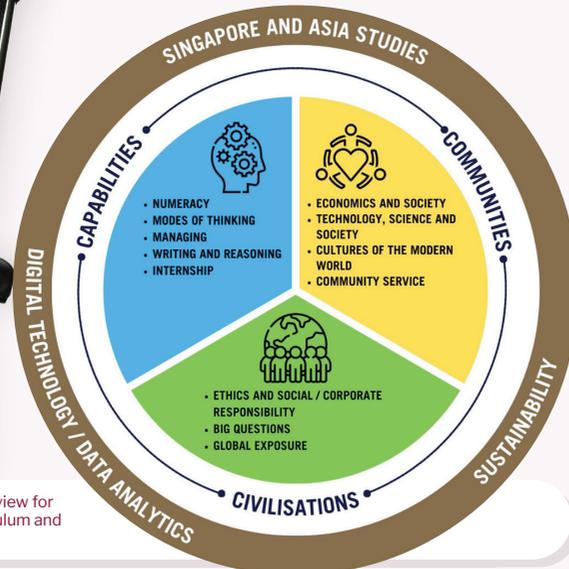
COMMUNITIES

The Communities pillar trains students to understand the economic, technological, and cultural systems that shape our interactions with our communities



CIVILISATIONS

The Civilisations pillar immerses students in the fundamental debates that cut across time and space, preparing them to engage in critical dialogue between multiple and competing traditions of thought and problem-solving.



Visit cis.smu.edu.sg/core-curriculum/overview for more information on the SMU Core Curriculum and Graduation Requirements.

BAcc Curriculum

ACCOUNTING CORE

ACCOUNTING 11 CUs

Accounting Courses equip students with professional competencies and skills to thrive in a knowledge-based economy.

- Accounting Information Systems
- Accounting Thought and Governance
- Advanced Financial Accounting
- Audit and Assurance
- Financial Accounting
- Financial Reporting and Analysis
- Intermediate Financial Accounting
- Management Accounting
- Statistical Programming
- Taxation
- Valuation

BUSINESS 7 CUs

Business Courses ground students in the theories, concepts, and working tools that are essential in a modern business environment.

- Business Law
- Company Law
- Financial Management
- Financial Markets and Investments
- Introductory Statistics
- Management of People at Work
- Strategy



ELECTIVES

ACCOUNTING ELECTIVES 3 CUs

Accounting Electives allow students to pursue a broader understanding of accounting in different areas of specialisation.

Choose 3 from:

- Accounting Analytics Capstone (SMU-X)
- Accounting Study Mission (Asian Studies)
- Advanced Taxation
- AI Literacy for Accounting Professionals
- Algorithms and Programming
- Analytics for Value Investing
- Analytics in Finance and Real Estate
- Auditing Information Systems (SMU-X)
- Blockchain Applications in Financial Services
- Business Data Management
- Computational Thinking and Programming
- Corporate Banking Technology
- Corporate Financial Management
- Data Modelling and Visualisation (SMU-X)
- Data Science with Python
- Dispute Resolution: The Role of Experts
- Financial Analytics
- Financial Crime

- Forecasting and Forensic Analytics (SMU-X)
- Forensic Accounting and Investigation
- Foundations of Cybersecurity
- Foundations of Financial Crime Compliance
- Generative AI with LLMs: From Development to Applications
- Insolvency and Restructuring
- Internal Audit (SMU-X)
- Law of Evidence
- Overseas Project Experience (Accounting in Asia) (SMU-XO)
- Overseas Project Experience (Sustainability Accounting)
- Quantum Computing in Financial Services
- Real Estate Valuation and Taxation
- Robotic Process Automation for Accounting
- Strategic Management Accounting
- Sustainability Accounting and Reporting
- Sustainability Assurance
- Sustainable Finance
- Accounting Data and Analytics Work-Study Elective
- Audit and Assurance Work-Study Elective
- Financial Forensics Work-Study Elective
- Sustainability Accounting Work-Study Elective
- Taxation Work-Study Elective



FREE ELECTIVES 3CU

Free Electives encourage students to take any of SMU's courses to broaden their knowledge in fields beyond their primary major.

TOTAL
36
COURSE UNITS
(CUs)

Visit accountancy.smu.edu.sg/bachelor-accountancy/curriculum/course-structure to view our detailed curriculum and list of courses.

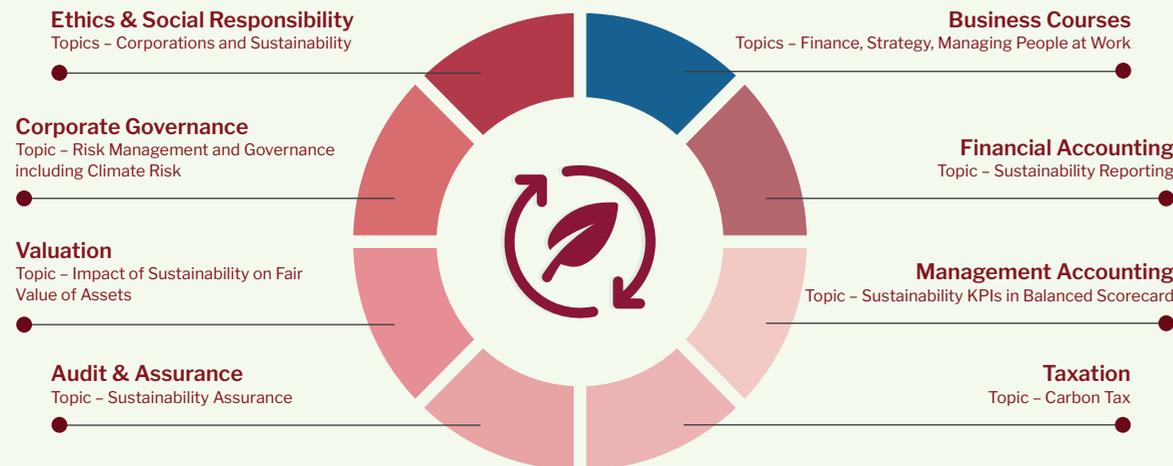
Integrating Sustainability Education in the BAcc Curriculum

At SMU, every undergraduate student will be equipped with sustainability mastery, with additional opportunities to access a fuller range of courses that offer different levels of mastery of sustainability literacy, according to their personal and professional interests.

To prepare our students for the green economy, our BAcc programme is integrated with sustainability topics throughout the curriculum. Our students will develop a mastery in sustainability through courses that cover carbon tax, sustainability reporting and assurance, and other sustainability competencies. These sustainability topics are integrated seamlessly within various compulsory Accounting and Core Curriculum courses, as well as selected Business Core courses.

With sustainability literacy integrated in the curriculum, students will approach future accounting roles with a holistic understanding of green practices rather than viewing it as an add-on, giving them an edge in navigating sustainability-related challenges in the workplace.

Sustainability Literacy for BAcc Students



Visit accountancy.smu.edu.sg/bachelor-accountancy/curriculum/sustainability-accounting-track to find out more about the Sustainability Accounting Track.

Sustainability Accounting Track NEW

As more businesses incorporate sustainable practices into their operations, accounting professionals play a stewardship role in setting sustainable goals and devising economically and ecologically sustainable strategies for businesses.

The Sustainability Accounting Track will equip graduates with the skill set to lead in integrating sustainability into financial reporting and decision-making. Students will gain expertise in sustainable business practices through two compulsory courses and two electives.

COMPULSORY

- Sustainability Accounting and Reporting
- Sustainability Assurance

ELECTIVES

- Any 2 courses from a list of pre-determined courses in Accounting, Business, and Social Sciences

Supplement Your BAcc Knowledge with Double Degrees + Second Majors Offered Across SMU

Accountancy students can choose from up to 15 possible double degree combinations. Prospective students with outstanding academic results may apply for direct entry to the double degree programme. Our current students already enrolled in a single degree programme who display exceptional results in their first or second year, can also opt for the double degree programme.

Alternatively, SMU BAcc students may elect for a second major to augment their accounting knowledge, from a choice of over 500 second major combinations across any of the schools within SMU. For example, BAcc students may opt to take the second major in Sustainability Management and graduate within a four-year timeframe.

SMU guarantees that all undergraduates will be able to take their second major of choice

The majority of our students graduate with either a double degree or a second major which makes them more attractive to employers and provides more flexibility in their career choices



“Through this second major, I’ve been able to explore how market forces affect healthcare services and products, and how policies, resource allocation, and decisions at the system level influence patient and provider outcomes.”

Although Accountancy and Health Economics may not appear directly related, I have come to appreciate the value of accounting knowledge in healthcare.”

Bryan Lee

Accountancy student, pursuing a 2nd Major in Health Economics and Management



500+ double major combinations

Pick, choose and get a career head start!

100% flexibility

Guaranteed 2nd major

You don't have to choose your major(s) until year 2 in SMU!

School of Accountancy

- Accounting
- Accounting with track in Sustainability Accounting **NEW**
- Accounting Data and Analytics (to be taken as a 2nd major)
- Financial Forensics (to be taken as a 2nd major)

Lee Kong Chian School of Business

- Communication Management
- Communication Management with track in Data, Design, & Communication
- Finance
- Finance with track in Finance Analytics
- Finance with track in Real Estate
- Finance with track in Wealth Management
- Finance with track in International Trading
- Finance with track in Banking
- Finance with track in Sustainable Finance
- Finance with Private Banking Work-Study Degree
- Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- Marketing
- Marketing with track in Marketing Analytics
- Operations Management
- Operations Management with track in Operations Analytics
- Operations Management with track in Maritime Business & Operations
- Organisational Behaviour & Human Resources
- Quantitative Finance
- Strategic Management
- Digital Business (to be taken as a 2nd major)
- Sustainability Management (to be taken as a 2nd major)

School of Computing and Information Systems

BSc (Information Systems) Degree Information Systems Major with:

Single track options:

- Business Analytics
- Product Development
- Financial Technology
- Smart-City Management & Technology

Dual tracks options:

- Business Analytics and Product Development
- Business Analytics and Financial Technology
- Product Development and Financial Technology
- Product Development and Smart-City Management & Technology
- Smart-City Management & Technology and Business Analytics
- Smart-City Management & Technology and Financial Technology

BSc (Computer Science) Degree AI Solution Development Major with:

Single track options:

- Frontier Artificial Intelligence
- Cybersecurity
- Software Systems

Dual tracks options:

- Frontier Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity
- Frontier Artificial Intelligence and Software Systems
- Cybersecurity and Software Systems

You are guaranteed a 2nd major when you enter SMU. This means you can take courses and majors across all seven schools. You will be better equipped, more versatile, capable and gain an edge over your peers!



Single Degree Programme with 1 Major



Single Degree Programme with 2 Majors



Double Degree Programme with 2 Majors



Double Degree Programme with 3 Majors

1/3 Core Curriculum

1/3 Whatever else you want to explore

School of Economics

- Economics
- Economics with track in Quantitative Economics
- Economics with track in Real Estate
- Actuarial Science (to be taken as a 2nd major)
- Actuarial Science with Industry Integration Track (to be taken as a 2nd major)
- Health Economics & Management (to be taken as a 2nd major)
- Data Science and Analytics (to be taken as a 2nd major)

Yong Pung How School of Law

- Law
- Legal Studies (2nd major for non-Law students)

School of Social Sciences

- Politics, Law and Economics (to be taken as a 1st major only)
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Global Asia (to be taken as a 2nd major)
- Public Policy and Public Management (to be taken as a 2nd major)
- Sustainable Societies (to be taken as a 2nd major)

College of Integrative Studies

- Deferred Declaration of Degree
- Individualised Major
- Individualised Second Major

SOA's Industry-Focused Second Majors

Develop Proficiency in Emerging Technologies

SOA's Second Majors are specially designed to provide our accounting students the competencies and skill sets to enter high-growth areas in the accounting profession.

Accountants with the relevant digital skills are in strong demand to provide the expertise and professional services to support the economic growth in Asia. Accounting professionals are also at the forefront of guarding Singapore against financial crimes and upholding the nation's standing and reputation as an international financial centre.

Designed in consultation with industry stakeholders, which include the Big Four accounting firms, consulting firms, corporations, major banks, and regulatory agencies, the SOA Second Majors in Accounting Data and Analytics and Financial Forensics curricula cover knowledge and skill sets sought after by employers.

2nd Majors

Second Major in Accounting Data and Analytics

The Second Major in Accounting Data and Analytics is the first-of-its-kind in Singapore, designed to groom accounting professionals to be expert users of emerging technologies, smart software, and analytics. Courses under this second major delve into the relevance and application of data technology in the accounting domain.

Students will complete four compulsory courses in data technology to equip themselves with the essential analytics skill sets. They will then apply this knowledge in the accounting context by taking three electives in their areas of interest. Of the 15 electives available to students, one of the courses - Auditing Information Systems, will be taught by Deloitte.

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"In the course of working on [our Accounting Analytics Capstone] project, my group members and I went through the gruelling process of building dashboards and predictive analysis models from scratch over a period of 13 weeks... The journey was challenging but rewarding as I was able to put to the test various analytical skills which I had learnt from courses such as Data Modelling and Visualisation, Statistical Programming, and Introduction to Programming."

**Jolin Goh Rui Ting, BAcc Class of 2024,
with Second Major in Accounting Data and Analytics**

COURSE STRUCTURE*

Compulsory (4 Courses)

- Accounting Information Systems
- Business Data Management
- Data Modelling and Visualisation (SMU-X)
- Statistical Programming

Analytics Electives (Any 3 Courses)

- Accounting Data & Analytics Work-Study Elective
- AI Literacy for Accounting Professionals
- Algorithms and Programming
- Analytics for Value Investing
- Analytics in Finance and Real Estate
- Auditing Information Systems (SMU-X)
- Blockchain Applications in Financial Services
- Computational Thinking and Programming
- Data Science with Python
- Financial Analytics
- Forecasting and Forensic Analytics (SMU-X)
- Foundations of Cybersecurity
- Generative AI with LLMs: From Development to Applications
- Quantum Computing in Financial Services
- Robotic Process Automation for Accounting

Accounting Analytics Capstone (SMU-X) (Compulsory)

*Course structure accurate as at December 2025.

Visit accountancy.smu.edu.sg/bachelor-accountancy/curriculum/2nd-major-accounting-data-and-analytics to learn more about the Second Major.

SMU-X

The SMU-X curriculum adopts a revolutionary approach to education by motivating students to master new skills and apply that knowledge in solving real-world problems. Every SMU-X course integrates academic rigour with experiential learning through project-based work, challenging and inspiring students to apply their disciplinary knowledge and skills to tackle multidisciplinary, real-world issues faced by partner organisations.

Visit x.smu.edu.sg to find out more about our SMU-X courses.

Second Major in Financial Forensics

The Second Major in Financial Forensics will equip students who are interested to work in this area with the specialised skills to combat fraudulent schemes and financial crimes. Courses under this second major will impart advanced accounting knowledge and cultivate the discerning mindset required to effectively detect and prevent fraud.

Students will acquire three domains of knowledge - advanced accounting technical competency, technology and analytics capability, and fundamental legal understanding in related areas. Students will study five compulsory courses, and select three courses from a list of electives to deepen their knowledge in corporate governance, risk management, digital technology, and dispute resolution.

COURSE STRUCTURE*

Compulsory (5 Courses)

- Business Data Management
- Financial Crime
- Forecasting and Forensic Analytics (SMU-X)
- Forensic Accounting and Investigation
- Internal Audit (SMU-X)

Forensic Electives (Any 3 Courses)

- AI Literacy for Accounting Professionals
- Algorithms and Programming
- Auditing Information Systems (SMU-X)
- Blockchain Applications in Financial Services
- Computational Thinking and Programming
- Data Modelling and Visualisation (SMU-X)
- Data Science with Python
- Dispute Resolution: The Role of Experts
- Financial Analytics
- Financial Forensics Work-Study Elective
- Foundations of Cybersecurity
- Generative AI with LLMs: From Development to Applications
- Insolvency and Restructuring
- Law of Evidence
- Quantum Computing in Financial Services
- Robotic Process Automation for Accounting

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"Understanding financial forensics would help demystify what exactly it is all about and how that would strengthen an organisation's overall state of corporate governance. On the individual level, knowledge in financial forensics prepares the future-ready accounting professional by teaching them how to use different investigative methodology and tools to uncover the who, what, when, where, why, and how's of fraud."

Mr Benjamin Ee, Head of Litigation Support and Forensics, RSM Singapore

Visit accountancy.smu.edu.sg/bachelor-accountancy/curriculum/2nd-major-financial-forensics to learn more about the Second Major.

Seminar-Style Learning × SMU's Pedagogy =

Effective Communicators

SMU's seminar-style learning and interactive pedagogy will groom our students into articulate and confident individuals ready for the workplace.

Our unique learning pedagogy emphasises interactive learning in the classroom, which will inspire students to improve their critical thinking abilities and communication skills. Professors devote attention to each student through vibrant dialogue and participation.

Our strong emphasis on project work also encourages students to build their ability to work in teams while developing them into articulate individuals.

Projects which involve interaction with real-world clients imbue students with confidence and social skills as well.

"While it may seem daunting at first, class participation encourages students to be active listeners and articulate their opinions. This is definitely a vital skill which prepares students well for the workforce."

Keith Lim Eng Kian,
BBM and BAcc Class of 2024

Interactive Learning

Emphasis on Project Work



Learn from Award-Winning Faculty + Leaders in Teaching Innovations

Our world-class faculty are recognised as some of the best educators at the forefront of accounting research and technology. Our diverse faculty come from top universities, many with professional backgrounds and strong ties to the accounting industry.

World-Class Researchers

Our faculty's efforts in producing high quality accounting research has helped put Singapore on the map with a reputation for excellence in accounting education and research. According to the BYU Accounting Research rankings, SOA has been ranked 1st in Asia in Accounting Research for All Areas and All Disciplines and Top 10 in the World for the last 5 years. In the latest BYU Rankings for 2024 (released in 2025), SOA also ranked 2nd worldwide in Archival Financial Research and 3rd worldwide for Archival Research (All Topics).



Brigham Young University (BYU) Accounting Research Rankings

SMU's Rank	2024		2023		2022		2021		2020	
	Global	Asia								
All Areas, All Disciplines	7	1	9	1	6	1	7	1	8	1
Archival (All Topics)	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
Archival (Financial Accounting)	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1

Leaders in Teaching Innovations

SOA faculty members also enhance the learning experience for students through learning journeys outside the classroom, and by developing teaching innovations and unique learning tools that complement textbook learning with experimentation and application. They have consistently performed well at the annual SMU Teaching Excellence (TE) Awards, clinching more than 30 awards since 2005.

Internationally, our faculty members have also received teaching and pedagogical awards, such as the CEEMAN Champion Awards, Howard Teall Innovation in Accounting Education Award and QS-Wharton Reimagine Education Awards.

Our faculty are also the first professors to clinch the inaugural 2022 Accounting Education Excellence Award from the European Accounting Association, and the first professors in Singapore to clinch the following American Accounting Association (AAA) Awards – the Outstanding Accounting Educator Award in 2023, the Outstanding Instructional Contribution Award in 2018, the AAA Jim Bulloch Award for Innovations in Management Accounting Education in 2017 and the AAA Innovation in Accounting Education Award in 2015.



Professor of Accounting (Education) Seow Poh Sun with Prof Gail Hoover King, Washburn University and Chair of the AAA Outstanding Accounting Educator Award Committee (left) and Ms Julie Peters, PwC, Director, US University Relations Leader

Holistic + Hands-On Experiential Learning

= Strong People Skills

Besides equipping students with the knowledge they need to excel in the workplace, SMU provides a broad spectrum of opportunities for students to maximise their learning journey and gain experiences beneficial for their future careers.

Internship

Internship which is compulsory under the Capabilities pillar of the SMU Core Curriculum, will give students a firsthand experience of the working environment in their preferred industry. Alternatively, you may like to pursue internships in overseas companies for a broader and more diverse working experience.

Our students appreciate the opportunity to gain real-world perspectives before graduation and over 81% complete between two to six internships in different companies and across multiple industries, to identify the best job fit. It is common to see students who perform well at internships to receive job offers before graduation.

"I am appreciative of the SMU curriculum which has imbued in me strong technical knowledge and necessary interpersonal skills to be a confident professional at work."



Jonathan Poh Jun Hui,

BAcc Class of 2025, winner of "Stephanie Santora Spirit Award - Uplifting Leader of the Year", which recognises the 2024 Bloomberg Intern in Singapore who has delivered exemplary work.

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Work-Study Programmes

Work-Study Programmes (WSP) at SMU provide opportunities for students to undergo longer internship durations to better interlace classroom-learning with structured on-the-job training.

Students will alternate working at least four days and studying on campus for one day each week for a minimum of 20 weeks.

Lee Hui En,
Accountancy Student,
SMU Accounting Data and Analytics
Work-Study Programme participant



"Before embarking on the Accounting Data and Analytics Work-Study Elective (ADA WSE), I had never built a full-stack automation tool. By the end of my stint at KPMG, I'd presented one to an entire team of professionals."

The SMU School of Accountancy offers the following WSPs:

SMU Accounting Data and Analytics Work-Study Programme

This programme aims to train the next generation of accounting professionals for digital transformation. The Accounting Data & Analytics Work-Study Elective provides students with the opportunity to apply data analytics expertise and develop new digital skill sets that drive digital transformation in the industry.

SMU Audit and Assurance Work-Study Elective

The future of audit has been evolving due to complexity in the business landscape and exponential growth in technological advancement, e.g. use of data analytics, machine learning, and cloud computing. It is therefore important for students to experience how technology is being utilised for the purpose of improving the effectiveness and efficiency of audits.

As auditing is one of the major career pathways for accounting graduates, this work-study attachment aims to provide students with a first-hand exposure to the work performed by assurance service and lay the foundation for higher-level audit work through the accelerated pathways offered by the Big Four accounting firms.

SMU Financial Forensics Work-Study Programme

Industry Experience with
OCBC Bank

Students in this programme will develop skill sets in financial forensics through an immersive on-the-job experience detecting and preventing financial crime in the digital technology domain, through a 20-week internship with OCBC Bank. Students will have the opportunity to rotate within one or more divisions at the bank: Group Finance, Group Legal and Compliance, and Group Audit.

SMU Sustainability Accounting Work-Study Elective

Accounting professionals have a crucial impact in driving sustainable business developments by analysing and translating climate-related risks and opportunities into financial impact for businesses.

This extended internship programme is an excellent opportunity for students to explore the principles and real-world applications of sustainability accounting, as well as gain exposure to the latest trends in the field. Students will complete their internship at a professional services firm.

Students can develop the skills and knowledge necessary to become effective sustainability accountants and contribute to the development of sustainable businesses.

SMU Taxation Work-Study Elective **NEW**

The Taxation Work-Study Elective (WSE) is a 20-week internship at a professional services firm. The WSE will provide students an opportunity to explore key areas such as tax compliance, planning, and advisory services, complemented by hands-on experience working alongside seasoned tax professionals.

Students can gain experience in helping companies and individuals, domestic and international, manage their tax costs and obligations effectively, and keep abreast of developments that have tax implications.



Community Service

Community service, which falls under the Communities Pillar of the SMU Core Curriculum, requires students to serve a minimum of 80 hours or two weeks of community service, either locally or abroad. Through the community service programme, you will develop social responsibility and empathy for the less fortunate through your involvement in community service projects. Many of our students appreciate the value of engaging in community service and voluntarily clock beyond the stipulated 80 hours.



Finishing Touch Programme

The Finishing Touch Programme is one of SMU's distinguishing factors in honing its graduates throughout their education journey towards career management and success. The programme is mandatory for all SMU undergraduates, preparing them with employability skills that gear them towards career success. Students are required to complete six Internship Readiness modules which cover topics that include career planning, resume writing, interview skills, job search strategies, and more.



SMU Pathfinders Programme

The SMU Pathfinders Programme is a student development Programme that comprises a series of curated experiential platforms focusing on the three inter-related domains of the "Self", "Self and Team", and "Self and the Community". Conducted both internally by trained SMU staff and by external vendors, the Pathfinders workshops aim to provide you with additional learning platforms beyond those currently offered to students. The SMU Pathfinders Programme seeks to develop values-driven learners, authentic collaborators, and responsible global citizens. Find out more about SMU Pathfinders at www.smu.edu.sg/campus-life/pathfinders



+ To Your Worldview with Global Exposure Opportunities

At SMU, we aspire to have 100% of our students embark on at least one global experience before graduating.

As businesses and organisations spread their operations across international borders, graduates with global exposure will benefit from their prior experiences interacting with people of different cultures and nationalities.

SMU provides numerous opportunities for students to broaden their horizons and experience different learning environments through its robust overseas exchange programmes, internships, study missions, and community service projects. Through various assistance schemes, the University is dedicated to making these global exposure opportunities accessible to every student, regardless of financial circumstances.



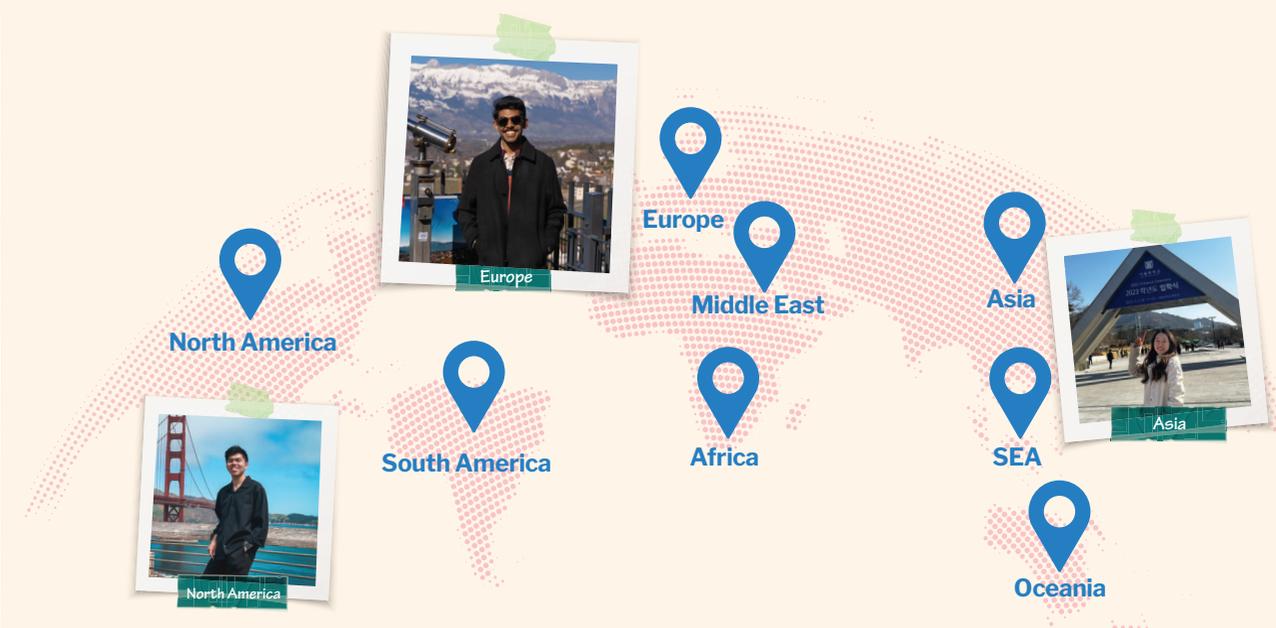
"One of the most talked-about experiences at SMU is undoubtedly its International Student Exchange Programme (ISEP). My exchange programme had been more than just an academic experience; it opened my eyes to the world and shaped me into a more globally-minded individual."



Srishti Chopra,
BAcc Class of 2025 graduate, who went on exchange to University of Pennsylvania, US, in 2023

Overseas Exchange Programme

Studying overseas can have positive impact on a student's personal and professional growth as it provides students with an enriching cultural and academic experience like no other. All exchange applicants will be assured of a placement in a university abroad. Our partner universities for exchange exceed 200 universities spanning across different regions and continents.





Design Your Unique SOA Journey

Maximum Flexibility

We empower our BAcc students to chart their own degree progression. With up to a maximum of 5 exemptions ('A' levels, IB Diploma, and NUS High School) or up to 11 exemptions or 1 year (relevant diplomas from local polytechnics), students have the freedom to finish their degree in 3, 3.5, or 4 years.

Our students can maximise their learning journeys here and graduate with more than an accountancy degree. Students will be able to graduate in 3 years without any of the academic options such as double degree, exchange programme or multiple internships. However, the majority of our graduates prefer to take on the various academic options available, as well as enjoy the full spectrum of opportunities SMU has to offer in leadership experiences and student life.

“The unparalleled flexibility that SMU provides allowed me to design my education that suits my needs while retaining my competencies in accounting and finance. During my four years here, I studied in Denmark on an exchange programme, spent an entire semester interning at a local bank, and developed a new skill in programming. At the same time, I was able to groom my soft skills by leading an a cappella group (SMU VOIX).”

Gary Low

BAcc (Class of 2020), Kwek Hong Png-SMU School of Accountancy Valedictorian Award, Associate Director, Balance Sheet Securitisation, Standard Chartered Bank



Co-Curricular Achievements of SOA Students

Our SOA students are committed to the pursuit of excellence in both their academic and non-academic interests. We highlight some of their most recent co-curricular achievements here:

Sports Excellence

Tokyo Olympics 2020 and Paris Olympics 2024

- Athletics, Team Singapore competitor
- Sailing, Team Singapore competitor

Asia Games 2022 (organised in 2023)

- Athletics, Gold (200m), Silver (100m)
- Sailing, Bronze

Local and International Competitions

- EY Young Tax Professional of the Year Global Finals 2025 – Singapore representative
- SMU Tax Case Challenge 2025 – Champion and Third in Final Round
- BFI Case Jam 2025 – Champion Team
- SMU Tax Case Challenge 2024 – Champion in Final and Associate Round
- UnChatGPTable Challenge (ESG x AI) 2024 – Champion
- ICAEW Mainland China & South-East Asia Business Challenge 2024 – Regional Champion
- SMU FACT-ICAEW Accounting Business Challenge 2024 – Champion and 1st Runner Up
- PwC South East Asia Consulting Case Challenge 2024 – 2nd Runner Up
- National Tax Competition (NTC) 2024 – Champion
- 34th Scotiabank International Case Competition (SICC) – 2nd Runner Up

Achieve Your Aspirations Like Our Distinguished Alumni

Many of our graduates have made headway in their careers, boosting SOA's reputation as an institution which grooms our students to excel in the workforce.

From 2014 to 2018, four of our SOA alumni have won Accountant of the Year Awards, at the Singapore Accountancy Awards (SAA) presented by Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants (ISCA). Increasingly, we have also seen a growing number of alumni appointed Partner at Big Four accounting and other professional firms. We highlight a few of our distinguished alumni below.



Mr Chan Ying Jian

Chief Financial Officer, Sun Venture
BBM and BAcc Class of 2008
Rising Star Award for the Professional Accountants in Business in 2018



Ms Belinda Teo

Assurance Partner, EY Singapore
SOA Alumni Board Member
BAcc Class of 2010
Young Accountant of the Year (Practice) Award in 2016.
Belinda was appointed Partner in 2023



Ms Lim Kexin

Tax Partner, PwC Singapore
SMU Board of Trustees
BAcc Class of 2005
Young Accountant of the Year Award for the Accountants in Public Practice segment 2014. Honoured in Prestige Singapore's "40 Under 40" in 2015 for her contributions to the Singapore accounting industry. Kexin was appointed Tax Partner at PwC Singapore in 2020.



Ms Annie Seah

Chief Financial Officer, Saison International Pte Ltd
BAcc Class of 2007
Young Accountant of the Year Award for the Professional Accountants in Business segment in 2014.



Ms Tan Ci Hui

Audit Senior Manager, Deloitte Singapore
BAcc Class of 2012
Singapore Ambassador, One Young World Summit 2022, Deputy Chairperson of Young Professionals Advisory Committee, ISCA



Ms Evangeline Hu

Partner, Real Estate and Asset Management Tax, KPMG Singapore
SOA Alumni Board Member
BAcc Class of 2009
Evangeline was appointed Partner in 2021



Mr Haridas Kanagasabai

Audit & Assurance Partner, Deloitte Singapore
SOA Alumni Board Chairperson
BAcc Class of 2005
Haridas was appointed Partner in 2017



Ms Priscilla Koh

Partner, Tax, KPMG Singapore
BAcc Class of 2010
Priscilla was appointed Partner in 2025



Mr Shaun Ng

Partner, Assurance, PwC Singapore
BAcc Class of 2012
Shaun was appointed Partner in 2025



Mr Chan Wenjie

Partner, International and Business Tax, Deloitte Asia Pacific
BAcc Class of 2013
Wenjie was appointed Partner in 2025



Mr Rafael Lam

Partner in Insurance and Banking
Bain & Company
BAcc Class of 2010
Rafael was appointed Partner in 2022



Mr Desmond Lim

CEO and Co-Founder, Workstream.us
BAcc/BBM Class of 2010
Recognised in the 2020 Silicon Valley Business Journal 40 Under 40
Finalist for the Entrepreneur of The Year® 2023 Bay Area



Ms Lai Shanru

Co-Founder, ShopBack
BAcc/BBM Class of 2011
Recognised in the 2018 Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia, the 2019 Prestige 40 Under 40, and the 2020 The EDGE 35 Under 35



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with an interdisciplinary and integrative curriculum



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to offer global exposure for ALL students



1st

university in Singapore to let you design your own major



1st

to offer a dedicated sustainability major (as a second major)



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with a Core Curriculum that is the most flexible as well



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with 100% seminar-style classes



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to guarantee a 2nd major for all students



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to pioneer a CCA transcript for graduates



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