

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE



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Victoria Business School holds the triple crown of international accreditations of EQUIS (www.efmd.org), AACSB (Business) (www.aacsb.edu), and AMBA (www.mbaworld.com). Just 1 percent of business schools worldwide have this triple crown endorsement, so it puts us among a select group of institutions globally. It means the School is benchmarked against the best in the world and is certified by three international organisations as delivering business-related qualifications meeting international standards in quality of content, assurance of learning for students, and a global perspective. We take students' needs very seriously and aim for continuous improvement; as a result, our qualifications are recognised internationally.

Victoria Business School is the first business school in New Zealand to have obtained accreditation from AACSB in both Business and Accounting; very few business schools worldwide hold this distinguished hallmark of excellence.

The Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) is a three-year undergraduate degree. The degree benefits from being taught in its capital city location in the nation's administrative hub. The School is housed at the Pipitea campus in the central business district, across the road from Parliament. First-year courses are taught at the Kelburn campus, but students are based at the Pipitea campus for subsequent years.


In addition to its own teaching staff, the University uses the expertise of professionals working at the highest levels of business and government. Wellington's private- and public-sector organisations provide a wealth of research opportunities.

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POTENTIAL CAREERS

A BCom leads to a range of public- and private-sector careers, including accountancy, actuarial science, advertising, banking, e-commerce, economics, financial analysis, human resource management, international business, management consulting, marketing, public policy, software development, and tourism management.

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POSTGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

The University has a range of postgraduate options, including Honours, Master's, and PhD programmes for BCom students wishing to continue their studies.

www.victoria.ac.nz/vbs/postgraduate

RECOMMENDED SCHOOL SUBJECTS

Accounting, Business Studies, Calculus, Computer Science, Economics, Geography, Languages, Statistics, and essay-based subjects such as English and History are recommended.

- at least 180 points must be at 200 and 300 level
- of the 180 points, at least 75 points must be at 300 level
- of the 75 points, at least 45 points must be from courses listed for the BCom.

The seven core courses at 100 level (see below) must be completed (usually in the first year). The requirements for at least one BCom major (listed left) must be satisfied.

No 300-level course may be counted towards more than one major or minor.

Other important information

You may include a second major in your BCom from majors offered for the Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS), Bachelor of Science (BSc), and Bachelor of Design Innovation (BDI).

You may also select up to two minors in an undergraduate subject area for the BA, BAS, BCom, BDI, and BSc. A minor comprises at least 60 points from the relevant subject area at 200 level or above, of which at least 15 points must be at 300 level and not counted towards a major or another minor. Many courses have specific prerequisites, so you will normally need to start studying subjects you wish to minor in during your first year. Go to www.victoria.ac.nz/courses for details.

If you are considering a second major taught by another faculty or adding a minor to your BCom, you must contact your student adviser for degree-planning advice.

MAJORS

Major	Code
Accounting	ACCY
Actuarial Science	ACTS
Commercial Law	COML
Data Science	DATA
Economics	ECON
Finance	FINA
Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations	HRIR
Information Systems	INFO
International Business	IBUS
Management	MGMT
Marketing	MARK
Public Policy	PUBL
Taxation	TAXN
Tourism Management	TOUR

Other BCom subject (not a major)

- Econometrics

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Three years of full-time study.

A total of 360 points is required:

- at least 210 points must be from courses listed for the BCom

THE BCom CORE

All BCom students must complete these core courses as part of their degree.

Course code	Course title
ACCY 111* or ACCY 115 or ACCY 130	Accounting or Fundamentals of Accounting or Accounting for Decision Making
ECON 130	Microeconomic Principles
FCOM 111**	Government, Law and Business
INFO 101	Introduction to Information Systems
MARK 101	Principles of Marketing
MGMT 101	Introduction to Management
QUAN 102	Statistics for Business

*If you are considering advancing in Accounting or Taxation you should take ACCY 111 and ACCY 115. Other students can take ACCY 130 (a more practical course) instead.

**This should be included in the first year of study.

- All BCom students must complete the BCom core courses as part of their degree.
- All BCom core courses are offered in Trimesters 1 and 2—you can choose which trimester you want to take them in. Some core courses can be taken in Trimester 3.
- You don't need to take all of the core courses in your first year, but you should include FCOM 111.

- Depending on your major, you may need to take additional courses in your first year, alongside the BCom core courses. If you can't fit all of the core courses into your first year, you can take the remaining core courses in your second or third year.
- You must complete one ACCY course. If you are not majoring in Accounting, you can take ACCY 130 Accounting for Decision Making.
- If you have NCEA with Merit or Excellence in these NCEA Level 3 standards—Company Financial Statement Preparation (91406) and Management Accounting to Inform Decision-making (91408)—you will be permitted direct entry into ACCY 115 without requiring ACCY 111 as a prerequisite.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

The requirements listed below are the requirements for a major; statutory requirements are listed in the University's *Calendar*.

- If you are doing a major in Accounting, Commercial Law, Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations, International Business, Management, Marketing, or Taxation in the BA or BSc, you must complete the entire BCom core.
- If you are doing a major in Actuarial Science, Data Science, Economics, Finance, Information Systems, Public Policy, or Tourism Management in the BA or BSc, you do not need to complete the BCom core. However, if you are doing these majors in the BCom, you will still need to complete the BCom core.
- The entire BCom core is not required for a minor in any Commerce subject.

Accounting (ACCY)

- a. In your first year, you should include the following BCom core courses: ACCY 111, ACCY 115, ECON 130, FCOM 111, INFO 101, QUAN 102. Also recommended is ECON 141.
- b. Complete one course from FINA 101, FINA 201, FINA 211.
- c. Complete six courses at 200 level: ACCY 223, ACCY 225, ACCY 231, COML 203, COML 204, TAXN 201.
- d. Complete three courses at 300 level: ACCY 302, ACCY 308, ACCY 330.

Actuarial Science (ACTS)

- a. Complete six courses at 100 level: ACCY 130, ECON 130, ECON 141, MATH 142*, MATH 177*, (MATH 151 or at least a B+ in QUAN 111).

*Additional prerequisites may be required.

- b. Complete four courses at 200 level: ACTS 201, ECON 201, FINA 201 or FINA 202, MATH 277.
- c. Complete four courses at 300 level: ACTS 301, either FINA 303 or FINA 306, STAT 335; and one further course from (ACTS 336, FINA 303, FINA 306, MATH 377).

Commercial Law (COML)

- a. In your first year, take the BCom core courses, including FCOM 111.
- b. Complete three courses at 200 level: COML 203, COML 204, and one further course from COML 205, COML 206, TAXN 201.
- c. Complete three courses at 300 level: COML 310; and two further courses from COML 300–399*.

*One of these may be replaced by an approved course from TAXN 300–399.

Data Science (DATA)

- a. Complete three courses at 100 level:
 - DATA 101
 - One course from COMP 102, COMP 112, COMP 132; and INFO 151, INFO 226
 - One course from MATH 177, QUAN 102, STAT 193.
- b. Complete four courses at 200 level:
 - DATA 201, DATA 202
 - One course from MATH 277, QUAN 203, STAT 292
 - One further course from COMP 261, GEOG 215, INFO 264, MATH 245, MATH 251, MATH 261, MATH 277, PHIL 269, QUAN 201, QUAN 203, STAT 292, STAT 293.
- c. Complete four courses at 300 level:
 - DATA 301, DATA 303, COMP 309
 - One course from DATA 304–399, COMP 307, COMS 305, ECON 303, GEOG 315, INFO 377, MARK 317, MATH 353, MGMT 315, MGMT 316, STAT 392, STAT 394, SWEN 304.

Economics (ECON)

- a. Complete four courses at 100 level: ECON 130, ECON 141, QUAN 102 (or MATH 177 or STAT 193), and QUAN 111 (or MATH 141/142, and MATH 151).
- b. Complete three courses at 200 level: ECON 201, ECON 202; one further course from MATH 277, QUAN 201, QUAN 203.
- c. Complete three courses at 300 level from ECON 301–399, FINA 304, FINA 306, PUBL 303.

Finance (FINA)

- a. Complete four courses from ECON 130, ECON 141, QUAN 102 (or MATH 177 or STAT 193), QUAN 111 (or MATH 141/142, and MATH 151).
- b. Complete three courses at 200 level: FINA 201, FINA 202; and one further course from MATH 277, QUAN 201, QUAN 203.
- c. Complete three courses at 300 level from ACCY 306, FINA 300–399.

Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations (HRIR)

- In your first year, take the BCom core courses, including MGMT 101.
- Complete two courses at 200 level: HRIR 201, MGMT 202.
- Complete four courses at 300 level: HRIR 320 and three further courses from HRIR 300–399.
- Complete one further course from COML 302, ECON 333, HRIR 300–399, MGMT 300–399.

Information Systems (INFO)

- Complete three courses at 100 level: INFO 101, INFO 141, INFO 151.
- Complete three courses at 200 level from INFO 200–299.
- Complete three courses at 300 level: INFO 320 or INFO 395, and two further courses from INFO 300–399.

If you are completing a major in Information Systems, you may obtain a specialisation in Business Analysis by including the following six courses in meeting the 200- and 300-level major requirements listed above: INFO 231, INFO 234, INFO 264, INFO 395, and two further courses from INFO 334, INFO 354, INFO 376, INFO 388.

If you are completing a major in Information Systems, you may obtain a specialisation in IT Solutions by including the following six courses in meeting the 200- and 300-level major requirements listed above: INFO 226, INFO 231, INFO 246, INFO 320, and two further courses from INFO 354, INFO 376, INFO 377, INFO 386.

International Business (IBUS)

- In your first year, take the BCom core courses. You should also consider taking an approved language or culture course.
- Complete IBUS 201, IBUS 212, IBUS 305, IBUS 312.
- Complete one further course from IBUS 200–299.
- Complete one further course from IBUS 300–399, MARK 302 (or from ACCY 309, COML 306, ECON 309, FINA 302, HRIR 303).
- Complete 20 points from 100-level ASIA, CHIN, FREN, GERM, ITAL, JAPA, PASI, or SPAN or one of (ASIA 201, ASIA 202, ASIA 203, FHSS 210) or an approved substitute.

Management (MGMT)

- In your first year, take the BCom core courses, including MGMT 101.
- Complete three courses at 200 level: MGMT 202, MGMT 205, MGMT 206.
- Complete four courses from MGMT 300–399.

Marketing (MARK)

- In your first year, take the BCom core courses, including MARK 101 and QUAN 102.
- Complete three courses at 200 level: MARK 201, MARK 202, MARK 203.
- Complete two courses at 300 level: MARK 301, MARK 303.
- Complete two further courses from MARK 300–399, COML 308.

Public Policy (PUBL)

- Complete one course at 100 level from FCOM 111, POLS 111, PUBL 113 (recommended).
- Complete three courses at 200 level: PUBL 201, PUBL 210, and one further course from PUBL 200–299.
- Complete two courses at 300 level: PUBL 310, and one further course from PUBL 300–399.
- One further course from PUBL 200–399.

Taxation (TAXN)

- In your first year, take the BCom core courses including ACCY 111, ACCY 115, FCOM 111.
- Complete four courses at 200 level: ACCY 231, COML 203, COML 204, TAXN 201.
- Complete three courses at 300 level: TAXN 301, and two further courses from TAXN 300–399.

Tourism Management (TOUR)

- TOUR 101, TOUR 102.
- TOUR 201, TOUR 202, TOUR 203.
- TOUR 302 or TOUR 320; 45 further points from TOUR 300–399, MARK 304.



DEGREE EXAMPLES

BCom majoring in Accounting and Commercial Law with a minor in Taxation

Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	
1/3	2/3	1/3	2/3	1/3	2/3
ACCY 111 15 points	ACCY 115 15 points	ACCY 223 15 points	ACCY 231 15 points	ACCY 302 15 points	ACCY 330 15 points
MGMT 101 15 points	QUAN 102 15 points	ACCY 225 15 points	FINA 211 15 points	ACCY 308 15 points	COML 300 level 15 points
FCOM 111 15 points	MARK 101 15 points	COML 203 15 points	COML 204 15 points	COML 310 15 points	COML 300 level 15 points
INFO 101 15 points	ECON 130 15 points	ECON 141* 15 points	TAXN 201 15 points	TAXN 301 15 points	TAXN 300 level 15 points
60 points	60 points	60 points	60 points	60 points	60 points
120 points		120 points		120 points	

Total points required: 360
Total points completed: 360

*ECON 141 may be required to meet the academic requirements of professional accounting bodies. Go to www.victoria.ac.nz/accounting-careers for more information.

BCom majoring in Economics and Finance

Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	
1/3	2/3	1/3	2/3	1/3	2/3
FCOM 111 15 points	QUAN 111 15 points	ECON 201 15 points	ECON 202 15 points	ECON 305 15 points	ECON 333 15 points
QUAN 102 15 points	ECON 141 15 points	FINA 201 15 points	FINA 202 15 points	ECON 314 15 points	FINA 303 15 points
ACCY 130 15 points	INFO 101 15 points	MARK 101 15 points	200-level elective 15 points	FINA 302 15 points	FINA 301 15 points
ECON 130 15 points	MGMT 101 15 points	Elective 15 points	Elective 15 points	200-level elective 15 points	Elective 15 points
60 points	60 points	60 points	60 points	60 points	60 points
120 points		120 points		120 points	

Total points required: 360
Total points completed: 360

BCom majoring in Tourism Management and Management

Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	
1/3	2/3	1/3	2/3	1/3	2/3
TOUR 101 15 points	TOUR 102 15 points	TOUR 201 15 points	TOUR 202 15 points	TOUR 302 or 320 15 points	TOUR 300 15 points
FCOM 111 15 points	MGMT 101 15 points	ECON 130 15 points	TOUR 203 15 points	TOUR 300 level 15 points	TOUR 300 level 15 points
MARK 101 15 points	ACCY 130 15 points	MGMT 202 15 points	MGMT 206 15 points	MGMT 300 level 15 points	MGMT 300 level 15 points
INFO 101 15 points	QUAN 102 15 points	MGMT 205 15 points	Elective 15 points	MGMT 300 level 15 points	MGMT 300 level 15 points
60 points	60 points	60 points	60 points	60 points	60 points
120 points		120 points		120 points	

Total points required: 360
Total points completed: 360

Key

Core	First major	Second major	Minor	Elective
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JOSH FINEGAN

Student, Bachelor of Commerce in Economics
and Public Policy

“I chose to study Economics and Public Policy because I want to improve the lives of others. Wellington is a perfect place to achieve this: there is a range of non-governmental organisations doing amazing work, and Parliament is right across the road from the Pipitea campus. My advice to new students is to try everything. Join lots of clubs and get involved. The University is full of exciting opportunities, people, and experiences.”