The accountancy scene in Singapore is transforming and developing towards becoming a leading global hub for accountancy services and professionals for Asia Pacific by 2020. The SMU School of Accountancy (SoA) is well-placed to support this vision.

Our Bachelor of Accountancy (BAcc) programme encompasses a broad-based curriculum – a focused accounting core coupled with additional accounting options; business; technology; entrepreneurship; career skills; communications; internship and other modules to ensure depth and breadth of knowledge. Our hallmark pedagogy of interactive seminars, presentations and project-based assessment also develops graduates who are proactive, analytical, creative, articulate and adaptable. We equip our students to become not just technically competent accountants, but also versatile business leaders with the right training in skills, motivation and mindset.

Our faculty and staff have consistently strived towards producing a programme that will offer you the best opportunities. Our graduates are recognized internationally as our programme has received professional accreditation from the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Singapore (ICPAS), Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA), CPA Australia, Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ICAA), the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) and last but not least, AACSB International (AACSB).

It has also received widespread endorsement from the industry, as evidenced by the successful employment rates that our BAcc graduates have been enjoying. Per the latest SMU Graduate Employment Survey, 99.4% of our 2011 BAcc graduates secured employment within 6 months after graduation, of which over half joined the Big 4 and other accounting firms, whilst the rest secured jobs in banks and other financial institutions, MNCs and government bodies. Our graduates also drew higher average starting salaries than their peers from other tertiary institutions.

We look forward to welcoming you as our student.

Best wishes!

Professor PANG Yang Hoong
Vice Provost (Undergraduate)
Dean, School of Accountancy
The SMU Bachelor of Accountancy (BAcc) programme is designed to meet the entry requirements for a career in professional accounting. Graduates may decide to qualify as Singapore’s, UK’s or Australia’s Chartered Accountants; to be a CPA (with CPA Australia), or a CGMA (with CIMA). Whatever your professional accounting aspirations, the SMU BAcc starts you off with the best possible opportunity to qualify for the professional designation of your choice. Graduates would have to meet the respective professional body’s requirements for advancement to Chartered Accountants, CPA or CGMA status. This would typically involve taking additional examinations, and demonstrating sufficient and relevant work experience.

The SMU BAcc programme offers much more than just meeting professional entry requirements. Our students have the opportunity to tailor and package their learning experience at SMU, and graduate with much more than just accounting.

Students can add a second degree or a second major to their accounting degree. For example, adding a second major in information system for those interested in data analytics, or applying to do a second degree in Bachelor of Business Management with finance major for those interested in banking and finance. There are five other degree programmes and over 20 majors available from the six SMU schools.

Our students can also choose to add breadth to their accounting degree by selecting Accounting Options courses that they are interested in, such as Governance and Risk Management, Strategic Management Accounting, Valuation for Accounting or Advanced Taxation. They can pick and choose four Accounting Options courses from a range that is as wide as their accounting interests. Students can also graduate with an accounting specialisation or “track” if their Accounting Options courses fall within a specialised function.

Students can immerse themselves in various industries and types of work by doing more than the required internships. Many of our graduates pick the right industry and career because they have the opportunity to do multiple internships with different companies, firms and industries. Alternatively, they may add a term away from Singapore through an exchange programme with one of our over 200 partner institutions, or take part in study missions or other overseas immersion programmes.

At SMU, our Bachelor of Accountancy is much more than just accounting!
Interactive Learning Environment
SMU’s city campus, situated strategically between the financial and the arts and heritage districts, offers a technology-enabled environment to enhance the learning experience for our students. Our unique city campus is purposefully designed for a continuous exchange of ideas between our university and the surrounding commercial district.

SMU’s pedagogy and distinctive seminar style learning stimulate critical thinking and transform our students into well-rounded individuals with strong technical skills, versatility and professional competencies. Course assessment comprises progress assessment, class learning activities; such as presentations, class participation, and discussions; projects and assignments, with final exams accounting for not more than 50% of the total course grade.

Broad-based Curriculum and Maximum Flexibility
The SMU BAcc programme offers the right balance of technical skills and broad-based education for your personal and professional growth. It offers the most flexibility in a tertiary education, and empowers students to chart their own academic pursuits to realise their career goals. Students at SoA have the option to complete their BAcc degrees with direct meritorious honours, or choose to expand their fields of expertise through double degrees and second majors in other fields.

This multi-disciplinary approach of offering double degrees and second majors develops our students’ versatility and gives them a head start in their career.

Distinguished Faculty
Faculty at SoA, from renowned universities around the world, bring with them international teaching and research experience.

Besides recruiting some of the best academics in their field, SMU also taps successful industry practitioners for their specific expertise and management skills to combine academic vigour with hands-on business savvy.

In addition, experienced audit and tax partners from the Big 4 and local CPA firms actively participate in our courses as adjunct professors or as seminar speakers, thus augmenting textbook learning with their wealth of practical experience and knowledge of current developments.

Our SoA faculty have consistently performed well based on students’ teaching evaluations, and have clinched many SMU teaching awards in recognition of their dedication to teaching and pedagogical excellence.

Nurturing Environment
Our faculty are dedicated to facilitating learning and will go the extra mile to mentor their students outside of class.

SMU’s nurturing culture also ensures that students have a strong support network to help them adjust to the challenges of university life. At the university level, students in search of guidance on career, student life, relationship or social issues, can approach the Centre for Counseling & Guidance or the SMU Peer Helpers (SMU student volunteers). Student mentors within SoA will also be able to advise their juniors on managing the rigours of tertiary life.
International Exposure Opportunities
SMU encourages students to develop a global perspective through numerous programmes which offer opportunities to work or study overseas.

Through overseas study missions, community service projects and overseas exchange programmes, students are assured of avenues for gaining international exposure. The list of partner institutions for overseas exchange exceeds 200. SMU also offers financial assistance schemes and scholarships to support an overseas study mission or exchange.

Immersive Internships
Students are encouraged to immerse themselves in real working environments to prepare them for their foray into the working world.

The internship programme at SMU requires students to complete a minimum of 12 weeks, of which two weeks must be spent in a voluntary welfare organisation. Our BAcc students have opportunities for multiple internships in different companies, locally and even overseas, to experience a variety of working environments.

Indeed, our students have impressed their employers during internships and many are presented with job offers even before graduation.

All-Rounded Excellence
Our BAcc students have proven themselves in both their academic and non-academic pursuits. With a plethora of activities and events taking place throughout the year, our students have risen to the challenge of balancing a rigorous curriculum with their CCA interests, consistently proving their mettle in achieving all-rounded excellence.

Many of our BAcc students have drawn the media spotlight with their entrepreneurial pursuits as well as high profile achievements in sports, international competitions and volunteerism.

Distinctiveness of an SMU Graduate
The passion and dedication of our BAcc alumni towards excellence continue outside of SMU. Even as they juggle new challenges at their workplace, they continue to pursue other interests with the same fervour and zeal characteristic of an SMU graduate.

Many of our alumni also venture beyond Singapore’s shores to fulfil their career aspirations, an experience they are familiar with in view of the global exposure they already received in SMU. The strong bond between the school and our alumni is evident when they continue to take the time to return to support our initiatives, catch-up with their professors and mentor their juniors.

Scholarships and Awards
SMU offers a host of financial schemes to ensure all deserving students have equal opportunity to gain a tertiary education at SMU. These schemes include scholarships, study awards or other forms of financial support.

Students may also be considered for awards sponsored by various organisations in recognition of their outstanding achievements in academic, community service, and co-curricular involvements. Some awards are given automatically based on performance, others by application.

Vibrant Campus Life
Accountancy students have abundant opportunities to pursue their non-academic interests through student clubs and participating in SMU events.

There are over 100 student clubs that cater to the array of interests of the SMU community, ranging from serving in student associations, to arts, sports and adventure, special interests and community services.

There is never a dull moment in SMU!
Our BAcc programme is designed to develop well-rounded individuals, trained in a variety of subject areas. The BAcc curriculum adopts best practices from top American business schools, exposing students to a broader spectrum of courses. A holistic approach is taken in appraising students, allowing for a more balanced and better assessment of a student’s performance.

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### ACCOUNTING CORE (8 courses)
The Accounting Core courses equip students with the necessary professional competencies and skills in a knowledge-based economy.

- Accounting Information Systems
- Accounting Thought and Practice
- Advanced Financial Accounting
- Audit and Assurance
- Corporate Reporting and Financial Analysis
- Financial Accounting
- Management Accounting
- Taxation

### ACCOUNTING OPTIONS* (4 courses)
Accounting Options allow students to pursue a broader understanding of accounting in different areas of specialisation. Students are required to read four courses.

- Advanced Taxation
- Corporate Advisory
- Corporate Financial Management
- Governance and Risk Management
- Information Systems Audit
- Internal Audit
- Research in Accounting
- Strategic Management Accounting
- Valuation for Accounting

### BUSINESS SUBJECTS (8 courses)
Business Subjects ground students in the theories, concepts and working tools that are essential in a modern business environment. These subjects also lay the groundwork for a better understanding of the role that accounting plays.

- Business Law
- Company Law
- Finance
- Financial Instruments, Institutions and Markets
- Introductory Statistics or Introduction to Statistical Theory
- Management of People at Work
- Management Science
- Strategy

### GLOBAL & REGIONAL STUDIES* (2 courses)
Global and Regional Studies develop in students an international perspective and broaden their exposure to business practices and applications beyond Singapore. Students are required to read two courses.

- Accounting Study Mission
- Global Financial Risk Management
- Global Mega-Trends
- International Business
- Law and International Business

### GENERAL EDUCATION* (3 courses)
The General Education courses enhance the knowledge and widen the perspectives of students across other disciplines independent of accountancy. Students are required to read a total of three courses from the Arts and Science fields.

#### ARTS
- Creative Writing
- Dance: East and West
- Drama and Scriptwriting
- Music: East and West
- Post Modern Theatre Studies

#### SCIENCE
- Biological Models for Business Applications
- Biotechnology and Bioentrepreneurship
- Environmental Science
- Introduction to Physical Science
- Science Exploration and Society

### TECHNOLOGY & ENTREPRENEURSHIP* (2 courses)
The Technology & Entrepreneurship courses enable students to gain an appreciation of the impact of development trends on technology and start-ups. Students are required to read two courses.

- Data Management
- Enterprise Development
- Entrepreneurial Finance
- IT and the Law
- Marketing Information Systems

* Courses offered in these sections vary from term to term.

### FINISHING TOUCH PROGRAMME
The Finishing Touch programme consists of a series of Career Preparation and Enrichment workshops to prepare students for internships, job applications and necessary skills for future career success.