Master’s Programme in Accounting, Kick-off 2026!

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WELCOME

Welcome to The Master's Programme in Accounting!

Studies in the Master's Programme in Accounting

Head of Department: ***Professor, Jari Huikku***

Director of the Master's Programme in Accounting: ***Professor, Vikash Kumar Sinha***

Study guidance

Planning Officer: *Elina Nykänen*

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The Department of Accounting and Business Law

Accounting discipline

- 12 Professors (7 tenured & 5 assistant professors)
- 2 Professors of Practice
- 1 Emeritus Professor
- 1 Visiting Professor
- 1 Executive in Residence
- 3 University Lecturers
- 2 Postdoctoral Researchers
- Doctoral students
- 322 enrolled bachelor's and 295 master's students in accounting (total 617 students)

The Department of Accounting and Business Law

One of the **leading Accounting and Business Law departments in the Nordic Region** and Finland's leading Accounting and Business Law department.

High-Quality Research

- Our research is published in top peer-reviewed journals. The emphasis of our research is on financial statement analysis, strategic investment decision-making, auditing, sustainability accounting, performance measurement, management control, risk management, and corporate governance, for example.

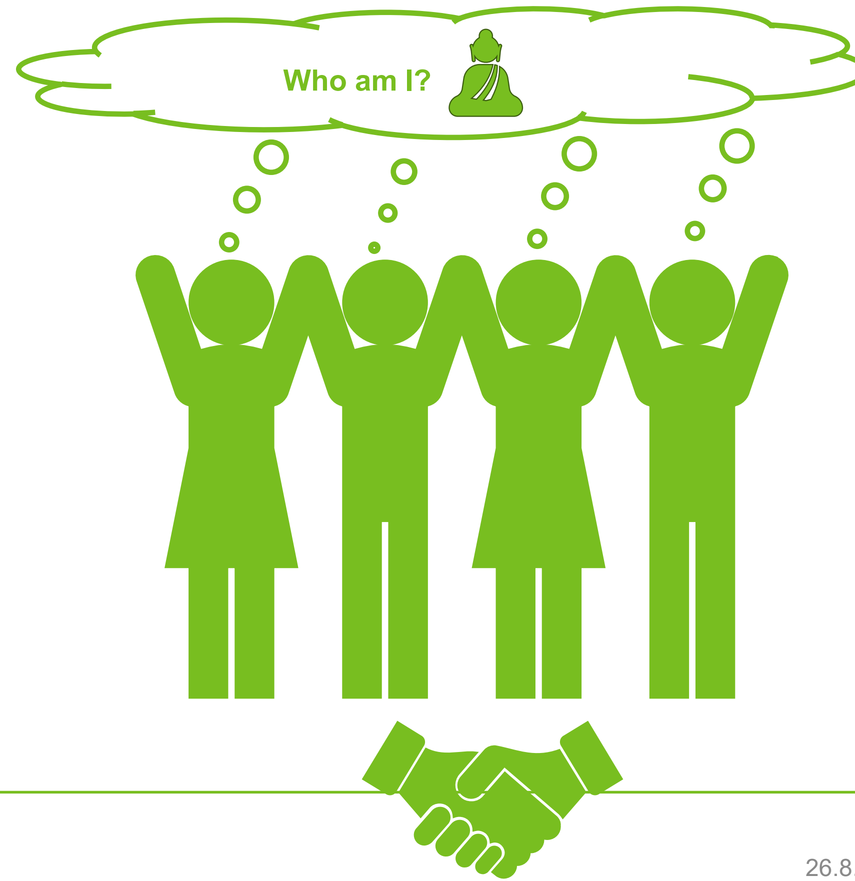
Various Research methodologies/methods

- We apply economic, sociological, and legal science-based theories in our research. We also deploy a variety of methods: qualitative (case studies, literature reviews, conceptual approaches, action and managerial research); quantitative (regression, survey, and textual data mining); and other research methods (field experiments, fsQCA).

Discuss in Pairs (for Students Only)

- **Introduce yourself to your neighbors - *5 min***
  - ❑ *Name & city/country*
  - ❑ *Where did you complete your Bachelor's, and in what subject?*
  - ❑ *What motivated you to study Accounting at Aalto University?*
  - ❑ *Hobbies*

Prepare to introduce yourself to the whole group!



Faculty Introduction

- **Please focus on these five aspects**

- ❑ *Name*
- ❑ *Title*
- ❑ *Research Area – 2 lines (max), please*
- ❑ *Hobbies – just list them, please*
- ❑ *One line of motivational message welcoming the students*

(We will talk about the courses later! So, please skip that for now.)

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Accounting Degree and Courses

Master’s Degree in Accounting

100% would recommend the studies to others

96.15% either fully agree or agree that employers value the degree

100% satisfied. 0% reported being dissatisfied with the degree

Source: A placement survey five years after graduation for students who graduated in 2020

Current Program Structure

Total	[Programme studies*]()	[Elective studies]()
120 ECTS	**88** ECTS	**32** ECTS

*including master's thesis 30 ECTS

Link to the curriculum: https://www.aalto.fi/en/programmes/masters-programme-in-accounting/curriculum-2026-2028

Programme Studies 88 cr
Mandatory studies 58 cr + Elective Accounting studies 30 cr

Compulsory courses, 24 cr	
22E00100	Financial Statement Analysis, 6 cr
22E24000	Performance Management, 6 cr
ABL-E1366	Capstone: Accounting, 8 cr
ABL-E1499	Research Methods in Accounting, 6 cr

Master’s thesis, seminar and maturity test, 32 cr	
ACC.thes	Master’s Thesis, 30 cr
ABL-E1999	Master’s Thesis Seminar*, 2 cr
BIZ.matr	Maturity Test, 0 cr

* When students want to start their thesis, they enroll in the master's thesis seminar in Sisu.

Elective accounting courses, 30 cr

Elective Accounting Studies 30 cr

Financial accounting		**Credits**
22E00210	Financial Accounting Theories	6
22E00300	Konsernilaskenta	6
22E00400	International Accounting	6
22E21000	Auditing – Theory and Practice	6
Management accounting		
22E10000	Strategic Management Accounting	6
22E12000	Capital Budgeting	6
ABL-E1200	Managing Uncertainty Through Cost Accounting and Financial Planning	6
Other advanced accounting courses		
22E00500	Corporate Governance	6
22E29100	Accounting for Sustainability	6
ABL-E1400	Risk Management: Organization and Control	6
ABL-E1300	Big Data Analysis in Accounting	6
BIZ-E0100	Customized Student Business Project^	6
	Advanced accounting studies at another university#	

Please mark the course (or courses) as study draft(s) on your PSP/HOPS and apply for credit transfer (inclusion) via study draft. The course has to meet the requirements of the programme. Other suitable course in accounting has to meet the requirements of the programme and must be agreed in advance with the programme director.

^BIZ-E0100 Customized Student Business Project must be agreed in advance with Tommi Vihervaara. You cannot include both the BIZ-E0100 Customized Student Business Project and the MNGT-E5004 CEMS Business Project in your degree.

Elective Accounting Studies 30 cr

Alternatively, you may choose a maximum of 12 ECTS from the following courses		Credits
32E29000	European and International Tax Law	6
32E2220	Elinkeinoverotus	6
28E35300	Mergers and Acquisitions	6
FIN-A0103	Fundamentals of Corporate Finance	6
30E03000	Data Science for Business 1	6
ISM-C1004	Business Analytics 1	6

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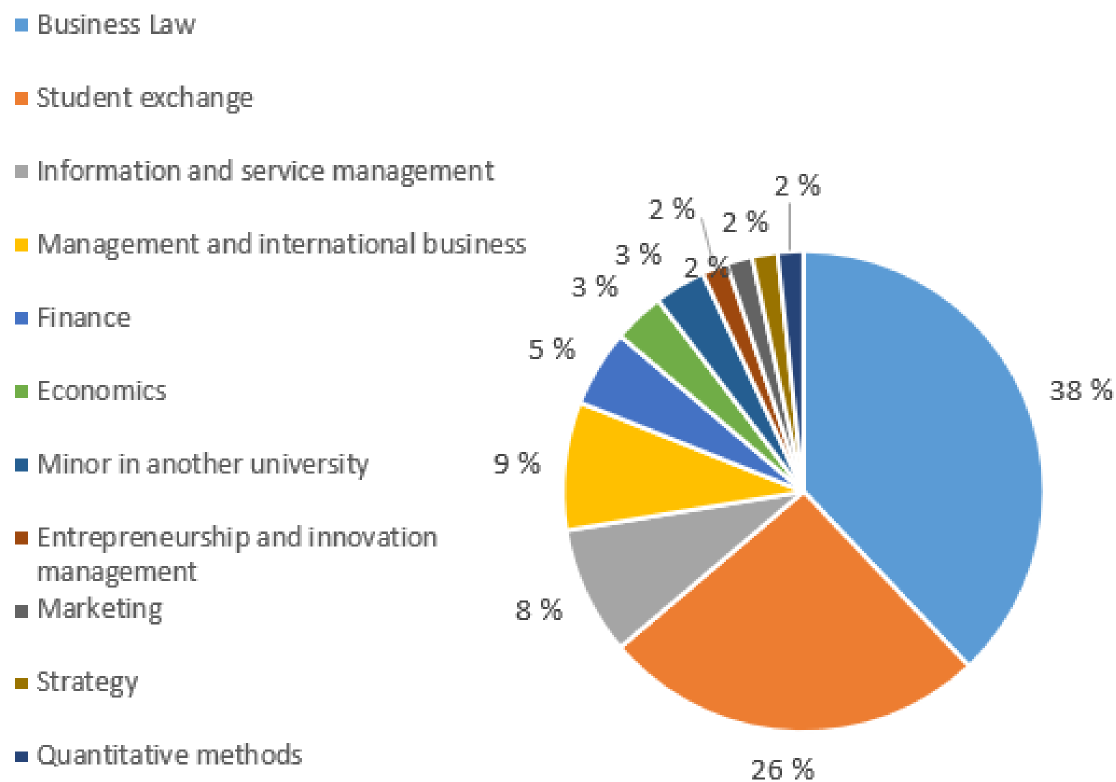
Frequently Asked Questions

Minors and Electives

What are the recommended elective courses besides accounting?

- On the right side, some of the minor students have chosen in the past

Do the course choices affect my possibilities to do certain kind of work in the future?



Job Opportunities 1 of 2

- Where can I work after graduating?

Job Opportunities 2 of 2

Typical job titles

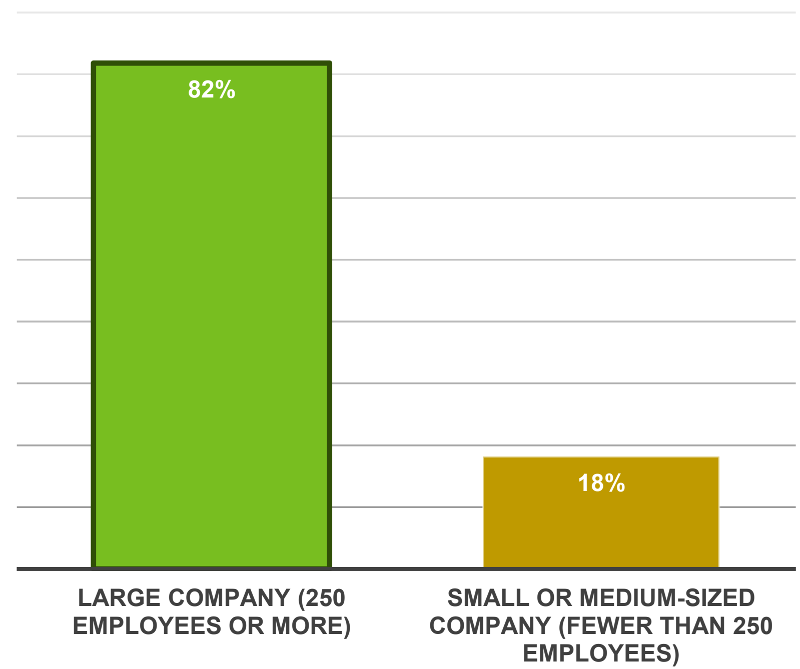
- Accounting Specialist
- Business Controller
- ESG Controller
- Financial Analyst
- Auditor
- Business Consultant
- Chief Financial Officer
- Chief Executive Officer

Potential routes from university to these positions

- Networking with companies, especially during courses (e.g., Capstone course)
- Student activities organized by Aalto Accounting (Association of accounting students)
- Thesis assignments
- Internship

Employment Condition of Accounting Students

92% respondents reported being employed



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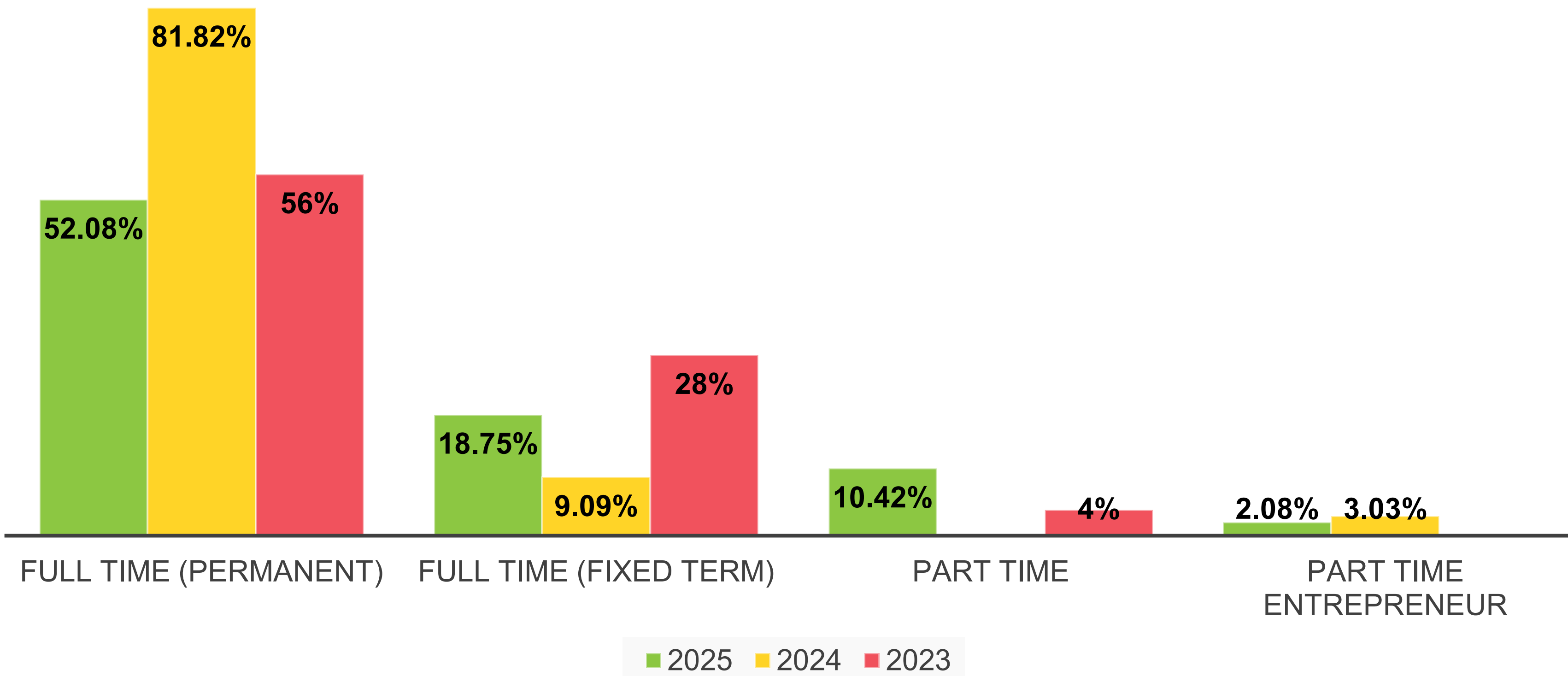
Source: A survey of students five years after they graduated (2021)

Employment After Graduation



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Source: Placement surveys one year after graduation for students

Factors Influencing Accounting Job Prospects 1 of 3

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Geopolitics

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Factors Influencing Accounting Job Prospects 2 of 3

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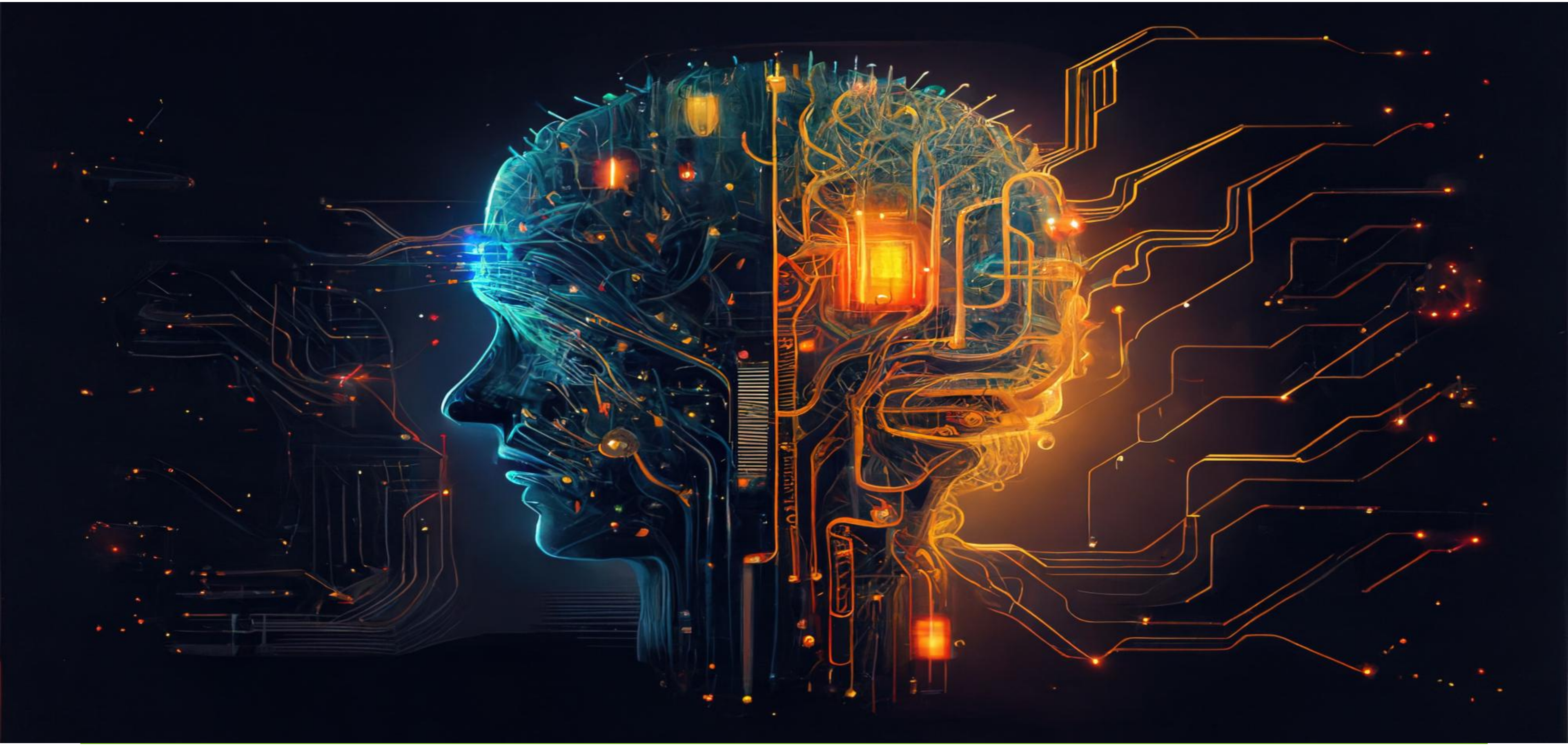
Economic Conditions

Factors Influencing Accounting Job Prospects 3 of 3



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Artificial Intelligence

Learning & Artificial Intelligence

Evidence from 30 months of panel data on 26,811 Chinese students (Grades 7–12)

Homework productivity improves
- Homework scores increased by 18% and completion time reduced by 30%.

Short-term learning declines
- Monthly closed-book exam scores fall by 20% within six months of AI adoption.

Long-term learning losses
- High-stakes entrance-exam scores decline by 18–24%, with the full effect emerging after two years.

Effects vary by subject
- Largest learning losses in social sciences, followed by STEM and languages.

Some students are more vulnerable
- Losses pronounced among junior students, high-achieving students, and boys.

How AI is used matters
- About 80% did homework outsourcing—very short completion times combined with high homework scores.

Responsible use has smaller costs
- Students who use AI without substantially reducing their homework effort experience much smaller learning losses.

Source: Stromberg, David and Lei, Victor and Wu, Yanhui, The Generative AI Learning Penalty: Evidence from Chinese Secondary Education (June 02, 2026). Available at SSRN: https://ssrn.com/abstract=6868618 or http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.6868618

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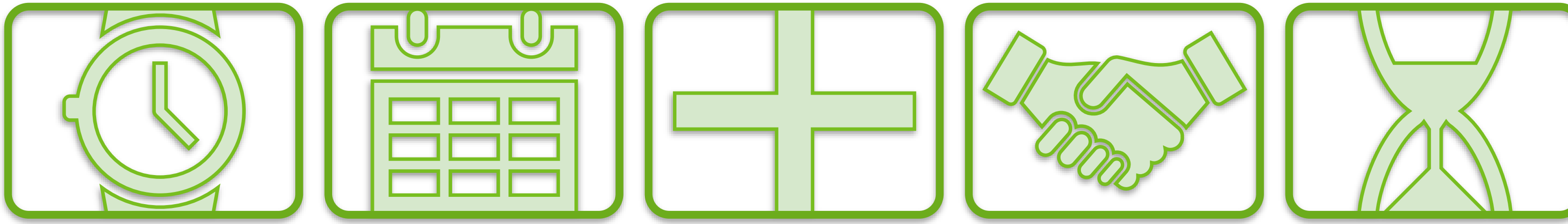
Master’s Thesis



- When am I ready to start writing the master’s thesis?
- When should I start thinking about the thesis topic?
- Should I have a topic already in mind before I enroll in the seminar?
- Can you write a thesis together with another student?
- How much time should you take to finalize your thesis?

Master’s thesis is an independent research work worth 30 credits!
Supervisors are there to help you! <u>But you have to do the work!</u>

Questions?

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Announces career opportunities and organizes corporate events

Ensures quality accounting education in collaboration with the Department of Accounting

Brings together accounting-interested students by organizing various types of events

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Join our WA community

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Upcoming events

10.9. New students night
3.9. Big4-career night (sold-out, check Jodel)
Sport events with partners
After Exams 16.10.
New board election
Christmas party
Corporate night (?)
Accounting sits party

A new semester calls for new faces, old friends and, of course, a thirsty herd.
Camels Kickstart brings accounting students from all year groups together for a night of meeting new people, getting to know the accounting community and starting the semester in good company.

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