

FIRST YEAR

MIDDLE YEARS

FINAL YEAR

ACADEMIC SUCCESS



DEVELOP

a Course Plan and
Build Academic Skills

- Review your program requirements with a Student Central Professional.
- Check out the [Academic Support Zone](#) for writing and tutoring support.
- Review your program requirements on the [Academic Calendar](#).
- Familiarize yourself with your myInfo account, self help and degree audit tools
- Needing academic accommodations? Meet our [Student Accessibility Services team](#).
- Discuss any questions or concerns with your FOBA Program Chair.
- Visit your professors during their office hours.
- Read through the [Academic Regulations](#).

- Visit the [Student Success Centre Academic Support Zone](#).
- Meet with your Chair or Student Central Professional to discuss your academic progress, and current/future courses.
- Consider post-degree programs that may require specific courses or academic requirements - start to create a plan.
- Make sure to check your degrees audit and the beginning and end of the year (found on [myInfo](#)). You must check this anytime you add/drop courses.
- Discuss any questions or concerns with your FOBA Program Chair.
- Confirm your major prior to the end of 2nd year.
- If you are considering a major in Business Economics, take BUSI-2017 in the Fall term of 2nd year.
- If you are considering a major in Accounting, take BUSI-2052 in the Winter of 2nd year.

- Meet with your Chair and Student Central to ensure you have completed and are in-progress to complete all necessary degree requirements needed for graduation consideration.
- Submit your Intent to Graduate.
- RSVP for convocation ceremonies.
- Understand application requirements, processes and deadlines for future programs of interest.
- Discuss any questions or concerns with your FOBA Program Chair.

ACADEMIC SKILLS CHECKLIST

- Reading comprehension
- Writing skills
- Presentation skills
- Quantitative skills
- Basic research skills
- Software applications
- Data analysis
- Teamwork
- Conflict management
- Leadership
- Decision making
- Problem-solving
- Creative/innovative thinking
- Critical thinking
- Ethical and legal knowledge
- Managing equity diversity and inclusion
- Application of principles within and across functional areas of business
- Systems integration
- Application of technology



CONNECT

and Gain Experience
with the Local and
Global Community

- Register in courses that contain in-class experiential learning opportunities such as case studies and labs.
- Meet the Chair of your Department - get to know them, and let them get to know you.
- Get involved in student [clubs](#) and organizations.
- Get involved with [Enactus Lakehead](#) (Thunder Bay campus).
- Participate in events in [Ingenuity](#).

- Develop networks and connect with your academic professors - visit them during office hours even if you don't have specific queries.
- Consider a [work-study job](#). This is a great opportunity to gain experience, as well as assist in the cost of your education.
- Consider a Co-op placement in the summer after 2nd year or for a full year after 3rd year. Seek [support](#) if you have questions.
- Consider participating in the [WIL@Lakehead](#) program in 3rd or 4th year.
- Consider an international exchange through Lakehead's [Study Abroad](#) program (start planning in 2nd year to go in 3rd year).
- Get involved in case competitions (3rd year).
- Consider a leadership role in a student club or organization.

- Connect to the local community through attending courses that involve case studies.
- Join different networking platforms such as [Lakehead Connect](#).
- Communicate interest in career-related opportunities with your professors.
- Get involved in case competitions.
- Consider a leadership role in a student club or organization.
- Participate in Research and Innovation Week.
- Get connected to the local community through [volunteer opportunities](#).
- Volunteering will also help build your network, give you experience, and help you build employability skills.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING CHECKLIST

- Co-operative Education (Co-op)
- Work Integrated Learning @ Lakehead (WIL@Lakehead)
- Internships
- Research Assistantships
- Case Competitions
- Student clubs and organizations
- Participate in Research and Innovation week poster presentations



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PREPARE

for Postgraduation or Career

- Visit the [Student Success Centre Career Zone](#) to find out about the career services offered.
- Check out the job bank at [mysuccess.lakeheadu.ca](#) to learn about summer job and on campus opportunities in your program.
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- Meet with a Student Central Professional to discuss financial management and funding resources.
- Start looking at summer internships through Young Canada Works, and the Federal Student Work Experience Program.
- It is never too early to start getting experiential experience, start your first year.

- Start connecting with employers through on campus recruitment events, such as career fairs and employer visits.
- Join [Lakehead Connect](#) to make connections with alumni in industry.
- Consider taking the Strong Interest Inventory Assessment to learn about career options.
- Develop relationships with faculty. Future references can be important.

- Build career readiness skills by attending resume, job search and interview skills workshops in the [Career Zone](#).
- Attend the Career and Job Fair/Career and Summer Job Fairs to network with employers
- Consider and discuss graduate school options with your faculty.
- Finish strong with your final year – in many cases, grad programs only look at your last year or two of grades.
- Understand the terms and conditions of your provincial funding to understand the repayment requirements.
- Consider graduate school and apply for funding (scholarships).
- Accounting Majors: review your course grades and eligibility for the Graduate Diploma in Accounting. Discuss further with the CPA Coordinator.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CHECKLIST

- Apply for job opportunities in your field.
 - Create a LinkedIn Account.
 - Network with employers on and off campus.
 - Apply for job opportunities in your field.
 - Network during Volunteer and Career Fairs.
 - Consider an [Informational Interview](#) to connect with employers, build interview skills, and discover potential opportunities in your field.
 - Research employment opportunities tied to skills developed in your major.
- Consider checking out [Resources and Tools](#) on the Career Zone Website to learn more about professional development (such as the Strong Interest Inventory).
- Keep track of your skills and experiences for your cover letters and resumes.
 - Complete [online certificates](#) to gain soft skills and boost your resume.

▶ What skills do employers want?

- Time management
- Ethical reasoning
- Critical thinking
- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Interpersonal communication
- Analytical and problem solving
- Technical expertise

▶ What skills will I gain with this major?

- You will gain technical, professional, analytical and critical thinking skills, which are needed for a successful career in accounting.

▶ What double degrees can I do with this major?

- Commerce (Marketing, Economics, Finance, Accounting, HR, IB)

▶ What graduate degrees could I pursue?

- All the same minors available to other FOBA Majors
- In addition, accounting Majors can pursue the Graduate Diploma in Accounting which provides you with advanced standing towards the CPA Canada Professional Education Program.

▶ What types of minors can I do?

- Marketing
- Finance
- Accounting
- HR

▶ What could I add to my degree?

- Business certificate
- International Languages
- Writing
- Indigenous Learning
- Environmental Sustainability
- French Language Certification (Basic –Advanced)

▶ What careers can I pursue?*

- Management (e.g., CFO)
- Auditor (internal or external)
- Taxation Advisor
- Financial Analyst
- Cost Accountant
- Consulting
- Financial Advisor
- Controller

*Your career path is not limited to this list. There could be other options to explore!

▶ What field of work are alumni working in?

- Public accounting firms
- Management consulting
- Industry (management)
- Entrepreneurship (own their own firm or business)
- Education (teaching or administration)
- Public policy
- Controllership
- Financial analysts

▶ What percentage of graduates are employed within 2 years after graduation?

- 100.0% of students in Business & Commerce

STUDENT SUCCESS CENTRE

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