



CGA + H.B.Com Chart your course to success

Navigate your career path with a CGA designation and online H.B.Com degree from Laurentian University.



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Université **Laurentienne**



CERTIFIED
GENERAL
ACCOUNTANTS



Wind in Your Sails

There is an unprecedented demand for financial management professionals in the current job market. Organizations, big and small, are competing to recruit the best new talent for their accounting and finance departments.

To reach your ultimate career goals, you must continue to build on your academic foundations and complete an accounting designation. You know that in order to acquire an accounting designation, you also need a degree and senior level work experience. Sound like a difficult and lengthy undertaking? The good news is that it doesn't have to be!

A Program with Latitude

The Certified General Accountants Association (CGA) and Laurentian University have partnered to offer a truly unique educational opportunity. This partnership allows you to start your full-time career while working towards both the CGA designation and the Laurentian University Honours Bachelor of Commerce (H.B.Com) degree concurrently through part-time studies. With Laurentian University recognizing many of the CGA courses as credit towards the H.B.Com degree, it's the ultimate "earn-while-you-learn" arrangement.





The CGA Program

The Certified General Accountants Association is the choice for professional education, training, and support services. The CGA designation is Canada's most flexible accounting program, recognized throughout the world as a pre-eminent standard of excellence and professionalism in all aspects of accounting, finance and business management. In keeping with this standard, the CGA Association requires its students to obtain a bachelors' degree prior to receiving their CGA designation. Specific details regarding the CGA program of professional studies are available online at www.thinkcga.org.

The H.B.Com Degree

The Laurentian University H.B.Com is a recognized business degree that is delivered through online technologies. The 120 credit degree program is comprised of 30 credits of business courses (5 courses), 78 credits of courses from the CGA Program of Professional Studies (Levels 1 to 4 and one PACE elective) as well as 12 elective credits.

The H.B.Com degree program provides students with a strong foundation of contemporary core business and management skills - a skill set that gives you the competitive edge to thrive in business no matter where your career takes you.



Partnership Advantages

Online Delivery

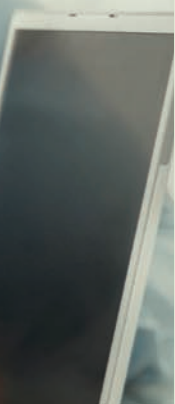
With no on-campus requirement and comprehensive web-based delivery, when and where you study is up to you! Extensive use of the internet for online group activities provides the flexibility required to work full-time and complete your work experience requirement for the CGA designation.

Unmatched Efficiency

Laurentian University will recognize up to 90 credits earned in the CGA program and at the post-secondary level towards the requirements of the H.B.Com degree, creating a truly efficient opportunity to obtain both a business degree and the CGA designation.

Unmatched Affordability

The academic efficiencies and opportunity to learn-while-you-earn combine to create an opportunity that is unmatched in its affordability.





Course Navigation

Earning the CGA designation and the H.B.Com degree

1 Enroll in the CGA Program

Students must be enrolled with their regional CGA Association to take advantage of this partnership program. Students who have completed post-secondary education will have their transcripts assessed to determine their standing in the CGA program. Contact information for the regional CGA Associations is available online at www.thinkcga.org.

2 Complete CGA Foundations Studies (Levels 1 through 3)

The admission requirement to enter the H.B.Com degree is the completion of the CGA Foundation Studies (Levels 1 to 3). These course requirements can be completed through post-secondary education or directly through the CGA Program of Professional Studies.

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Enroll in the Laurentian University H.B.Com Program

You must apply to the Laurentian University H.B.Com program through your Provincial CGA Association. The application form is available online at www.cga.laurentian.ca.

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Complete the CGA Advanced Studies (Level 4)

Students must complete the Advanced Studies (Level 4) and one PACE career elective from the CGA Program of Professional Studies as a requirement for the CGA designation and the H.B.Com degree. These courses can be taken directly through the CGA Association or transferred into the CGA Program of Professional Studies (except for the PACE career elective). For a list of eligible transfer credits from recognized post-secondary institutions, contact your Provincial CGA Association.

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Complete the Laurentian University Business Courses

Students must complete five courses (30 credits) through Laurentian University. The first four courses provide students with the essential breadth that only a university business education can offer. The fifth course, an internship, provides students with the opportunity to integrate practical skills with their education through the completion of a work related project. An alternative course is available for students who cannot complete the internship due to extenuating circumstances.

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Complete the Laurentian University Additional Requirements

Students are required to complete 12 credits of additional studies in order to receive the H.B.Com degree. The prior completion of a recognized post-secondary diploma or university course credits may be evaluated towards this requirement. Students who have not completed post-secondary education will be required to complete the additional 12 credits at Laurentian University or through another recognized university. More information on the completion of the additional credits is available online at www.cga.laurentian.ca.

Note: Steps 4-6 listed above may be completed in any order, not necessarily in the sequence outlined.

Laurentian University H.B.Com Degree Conferred

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Complete the CGA PACE Level (Level 5)

PACE is the final level of studies in the CGA program. Students must complete the second PACE career elective, Issues in Professional Practice (PA1) and Strategic Financial Management (PA2), to satisfy the final academic course requirements for the CGA designation.

CGA Designation Awarded by the Certified General Accountants Association

Work Experience Requirement



The CGA program of professional studies requires that you obtain two to three years of senior level work experience in an accounting or finance related position. The requirement allows for the flexibility of obtaining this experience in any business sector you choose. This partnership allows for the completion of this work experience while completing the CGA designation and the Laurentian University H.B.Com program through part-time studies.

FAQ's

How are LU business courses delivered? Courses are delivered through online technologies that provide students with the benefits of independent online studies and interactive learning. Each course is 13-weeks in length and includes group and individual assignments that require approximately 10 - 15 hours per week to complete. A final examination is written in person at a CGA examination center. All supporting course materials (e.g. textbooks, business cases) are included with the course fee.

How is the internship structured? The degree includes an internship that allows the student to practice the skills and competencies acquired through their studies. Students propose a work project that may be completed at their current place of employment or at a not for profit organization that they are familiar with. Once the project is approved, the student completes the project with the support of an internship coordinator and a work supervisor.

FAQ's continued

What if I can't do the internship? What do I do? If you cannot complete an internship, you may request the completion of an alternative course with the permission from the Program Manager.

Upon Completion of the degree, will I be able to enroll in a master's program? The Laurentian University H.B.Com is a recognized university degree. With the H.B.Com degree, you can apply to a Master of Business Administration program. With a 70% or B+ average in your Laurentian University H.B.Com degree, you would also qualify to enter the Laurentian University MBA program which is also developed in partnership with the CGA Association. The MBA degree requires completion of 30 credits (5 courses) of senior level management studies; an efficient and affordable opportunity that will make you stand out from the competition!

Who Can apply for admission? Students enrolled with the CGA Program of Professional Studies who completed the Foundation Studies (Levels 1 to 3).

How do I apply? Students must apply directly through their Provincial CGA Association office. The application form is available online at www.cga.laurentian.ca.

Will I be able to work full-time and study at the same time? Yes. Our partnership has been designed specifically for delivery through part-time studies, allowing you the benefits of working and studying at the same time.

What is an honours degree? The title Honours is an indication that the degree consists of 120 credits. Typically, a 120-credit degree is completed in four years of study. However, under this partnership, credits earned in the CGA program are recognized toward requirements of the degree, saving students a considerable amount of time.



Leaders in Canadian Business Education

The CGA Designation

CGA is Canada's fastest growing professional accounting designation, recognized internationally as a leader in developing and delivering competency-based professional accounting education that integrates ethics, information technology and the best methods of distance learning. Canada's over 71,000 CGAs and CGA students are committed to continuing professional development and strictly adhere to one of Canada's most highly respected codes of professional conduct. It is this level of attention to the development and maintenance of professional competence and ethics that has led the business, academic, and professional communities to hold the CGA designation in the highest regard.



Laurentian University

Laurentian University has a reputation for academic excellence built over more than 40 years. Located in the city of Greater Sudbury in Ontario, Laurentian University is the educational institution of choice for more than 9,000 full and part-time students. With a growing list of doctoral and graduate level programs, significant research funding and facilities under construction, Laurentian University continues to build a reputation as a world class institution.

The Laurentian University H.B.Com program has been offered in an online format since 2003. Based on the university's on-campus program, the online undergraduate degree brings the proven track record of the H.B.Com program to a wider audience. The H.B.Com degree builds core business skills in the areas of marketing, operations management, organizational behavior and strategy.



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