ABAC overview

The ABAC program is designed for self-declared Métis, First Nation, and Inuit students. The certificate is a gradual step towards a successful career in business with an option to transfer into the B.Comm. degree program upon completion. It provides students with an introduction to business including courses in accounting, marketing, finance, and human resource management and also incorporates significant student success activities.

Quick facts

- Two-year certificate
- Full-time program
- You can enter this program directly from high school

What will I study?

Here is what a typical first-year schedule might look like:

- COMM 100.3 Business Communication
- COMM 101.3 Introduction to Business
- ECON 111.3 Introduction to Microeconomics
- ECON 114.3 Introduction to Macroeconomics
- COMM 105.3 Introduction to Organizational Behaviour
- COMM 115.6 Business School Life
- COMM 119.3 Skills for Academic Success
- 6 credits of 100-level non-Commerce electives

Featured class

COMM 115 – Business School Life

Taught by Edwards advisors, this course is designed to build skills to enhance success in the business world. Topics will include academic honesty and appropriate citation, presentations and case writing, study skills and exam writing skills, time and stress management and more.
Rawlinson Centre for Aboriginal Business Students

At the Rawlinson Centre, Aboriginal students can find a place to study, attend cultural events, and access dedicated student scholarships, tutoring services, and emergency financial assistance. The Centre is one of the only dedicated spaces for Aboriginal business students in the country. Services include:

**Scholarships**

In addition to general USask scholarships, bursaries, and awards, Edwards has a number of dedicated awards for self-declared Métis, First Nation, and Inuit students. The Rawlco ABAC Awards (valued at $2,000) are provided to all graduates of the Edwards Aboriginal Business Administration Certificate (ABAC) program.

**Professional development fund**

Edwards students can apply for co-curricular funding to subsidize costs related to activities that support academic success and the development of a professional network.

**Admission Requirements**

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<th>Post-secondary transferable credit units required:</th>
<th>Direct Entry</th>
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<td>First Nations, Métis or Inuit ancestry.</td>
<td>yes</td>
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<td>Grade 12 standing or equivalent.</td>
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<td>Foundations of Mathematics 20 or Pre-Calculus 20 is required. Successful completion of Foundations of Mathematics 30 or Pre-Calculus 30 is preferred.</td>
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<td>High school students or graduates must have a minimum admission average of 70%.</td>
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<td>Transfer students must meet the minimum university transfer entrance average of 60%.</td>
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<td>Applicants must be 21 years of age by the first day of classes.</td>
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<td>Resume and letter of intent.</td>
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**Math Bridging Program**

If you are interested in a program at the University of Saskatchewan that requires Foundations of Mathematics 30 and/or Pre-Calculus 30 (Grade 12 MATH B 30 and/or MATH C 30), the Rawlinson Centre can help you upgrade while taking courses in the ABAC program.

**Tutoring**

Assistance is available for individuals or small groups to receive extra help in classes or to prepare for an exam or assignment.

**How to apply**

ABAC students start the program in September (Term 1). The application deadline is July 1.

Complete the online application form, including payment of the application fee, available on our website at www.edwards.usask.ca.

**Get a head start**

Take an online business course and receive dual credit for Introduction to Business 30L and COMM 101.3: Introduction to Business: [http://edwards.usask.ca/online/](http://edwards.usask.ca/online/)