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ACCOUNTING AS AN UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR

Accounting is the process of identifying, measuring, recording and communicating the economic events of an organization. Accounting is often said to be the “language of business.” Accountants apply their skills in areas such as auditing, cost management, financial analysis, information systems, management and policy, and taxation. These services are provided to large and small businesses, governmental units and not-for-profit entities. Accounting professionals are individuals capable of doing more than maintaining a set of accounting records. They have intellectual independence and bring perception, judgment and integrity to each assigned task. Accounting is often the pathway to top management of a corporation.

Skills and Abilities

- Analytical skills
- Listening skills
- Problem solving/creativity
- Interpersonal skills
- Generalizing from cases to theory
- Logical thinking
- Communication skills (verbal and written)
- Discipline
- Motivation

Accounting Faculty

There are ten faculty members in the Department of Accounting, with expertise in the following areas:

Sadi Bazaz	Financial, International Accounting
Joseph Callaghan	Financial Accounting, Information Systems
A. J. Cataldo	Managerial Accounting
Gadis Dillon	Financial Accounting
M.H. Carol Liu	Financial, Managerial Accounting
Robert Nehmer	Auditing, Accounting Information Systems
Mohinder Parkash	Financial Accounting
Sandra Pelfrey	Financial, Not-for-Profit, Governmental Accounting
James Serocki	Financial Accounting, Taxation
David Sidaway	Financial Accounting, Auditing

Major Requirements for the B.S. in Accounting

In addition to university general education, ethnic diversity and composition, and the business precore and core program, the requirements for an accounting major are:

ACC 200 (precure)	Introductory Financial Accounting
ACC 210 (precure)	Managerial and Cost Accounting I

Required major courses:

ACC 310	Intermediate Accounting I
ACC 311	Intermediate Accounting II
ACC 318	AIS: Planning and Analysis
ACC 320	Managerial and Cost Accounting II

Electives (4 of the following):

ACC 301	Financial Reporting and Analysis
ACC 401	Advanced Accounting
ACC 411	Auditing
ACC 412	Government and Not-for-Profit Accounting
ACC 415	Federal Income Taxation
ACC 417	International Accounting
ACC 419	AIS: Design and Construction
ACC 420	AIS: Audit and Control
ACC 421	Federal Income Taxation II
ACC 450	Professional Issues in Accounting
ACC 480	Special Topics in Accounting
ACC 490	Independent Study

Career Possibilities

Public Accounting	Auditing Taxation Information Systems Consulting
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Managerial Accounting	Cost Accounting Budgeting Information Systems Taxation Internal Audit
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Not-for-Profit Accounting
Governmental Accounting
Accounting Information systems

For Further Information

Choosing areas of emphasis within your major and fitting your major into your life and career goals are issues you can discuss with faculty members in your major area. Planning your schedule and monitoring your progress in your business program are tasks with which academic advisers are prepared to assist you. Plan to consult with accounting faculty members and your advisers regularly.

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