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 (precore)  Introductory Financial Accounting
ACC 210 (precore)  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

Managerial Accounting
  Cost Accounting
  Budgeting
  Information Systems
  Taxation
  Internal Audit

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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