

This program prepares the student for entry-level positions or to be a junior member of the accounting staff of a private business, industrial enterprise, public accounting firm, or governmental agency. Emphasis is on the financial record keeping aspects of accounting and the preparation and analysis of reports as a basis for managerial decisions.

Work and Employment

Accountants generally work in one of four major areas. Public accountants are employed primarily in auditing, taxation, or consulting businesses. Management accountants handle the financial records (such as taxes, budgeting, costs and investments) for a company. Government accountants maintain and examine the records of government agencies and audit private businesses which are subject to government regulations. Internal auditors review their company's operations.

Special Considerations

Students who are interested in a bachelor's degree in accounting or in pursuing a CPA should follow the guidelines for the associate of arts business transfer program described in this catalog.

Accountants usually have the following skills and aptitudes: work carefully and accurately, able to analyze and interpret figures, able to work with numbers, follow directions well, dependable and honest, neat and orderly, display mathematical aptitude.

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Total Hours Required - 62 Hours

Major Field Requirements - 46 Hours

- ACC 101 - Financial Accounting (4 Semester Hours)
- ACC 102 - Managerial Accounting (4 Semester Hours)
- ACC 201 - Intermediate Accounting I (4 Semester Hours)
- ACC 202 - Intermediate Accounting II (4 Semester Hours)
- ACC 203 - Cost Accounting (3 Semester Hours)
- ACC 204 - Tax Accounting (3 Semester Hours)
- ACC 205 - Accounting Information Systems (3 Semester Hours)
- ACC 207 - Acct/Gov & Not-For-Profit Org (3 Semester Hours)
- BUS 103 - Intro to Business (3 Semester Hours)
- BUS 222 - The Legal Environment of Bus (3 Semester Hours)
- BUS 231 - Occupational Seminar I (1 Semester Hours)
- BUS 235 - Occupational Internship I (3 Semester Hours)
- CIS 106 - Spreadsheet Software (3 Semester Hours)
- CIS 109 - Introduction to Computers (3 Semester Hours)
- CIS 220 - Computer Accounting (2 Semester Hours)

General Education Requirements - 15 Hours

- Communications ENG 101 (required and one of the following: COM 131, ENG 103 or 111 6 Semester hour(s)
- Humanities/Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- Social Science (ECO 211 required) 3 Semester hour(s)
- Mathematics (MAT 106 or higher) 3 Semester hour(s)

SVCC Requirement - 1 Hours

- FYE 101 - First Year Experience (1 Semester Hours)

Suggested Program

First Semester - 14 Hours

- ACC 101 - Financial Accounting (4 Semester Hours)
- BUS 103 - Intro to Business (3 Semester Hours)
- CIS 109 - Introduction to Computers (3 Semester Hours)
- ENG 101 - Composition I (3 Semester Hours)
- FYE 101 - First Year Experience (1 Semester Hours)

Second Semester - 16 Hours

- Mathematics (MAT 106 or higher) 3 Semester hour(s)
- ACC 102 - Managerial Accounting (4 Semester Hours)
- BUS 222 - The Legal Environment of Bus (3 Semester Hours)
- CIS 106 - Spreadsheet Software (3 Semester Hours)
- COM 131 - Intro to Oral Communication (3 Semester Hours)

OR

ENG 103 - Composition II (3 Semester Hours)

OR

ENG 111 - Bus/Technical Communication (3 Semester Hours)

Third Semester - 16 Hours

- Humanities/Fine Arts 3 Semester Hour(s)
- ACC 201 - Intermediate Accounting I (4 Semester Hours)
- ACC 203 - Cost Accounting (3 Semester Hours)
- ACC 205 - Accounting Information Systems (3 Semester Hours)
- ECO 211 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3 Semester Hours)

Fourth Semester - 16 Hours

- ACC 202 - Intermediate Accounting II (4 Semester Hours)
- ACC 204 - Tax Accounting (3 Semester Hours)
- ACC 207 - Acct/Gov & Not-For-Profit Org (3 Semester Hours)
- BUS 231 - Occupational Seminar I (1 Semester Hours)
- BUS 235 - Occupational Internship I (3 Semester Hours)
- CIS 220 - Computer Accounting (2 Semester Hours)