Academic Programs

Accounting - Associate in Applied Science (021)

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.

Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College

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Total Hours Required - 62 Hours

Major Field Requirements - 46 Hours

- ACC101 Financial Accounting (4 Semester Hours)
- ACC102 Managerial Accounting (4 Semester Hours)
- ACC201 Intermediate Accounting I (4 Semester Hours)
- ACC202 Intermediate Accounting II (4 Semester Hours)
- ACC203 Cost Accounting (3 Semester Hours)
- ACC204 Tax Accounting (3 Semester Hours)
- ACC205 Accounting Information Systems (3 Semester Hours)
- ACC207 Acct/Gov & Not-For-Profit Org (3 Semester Hours)
- BUS103 Intro to Business (3 Semester Hours)
- BUS222 The Legal Environment of Bus (3 Semester Hours)
- BUS231 Occupational Seminar I (1 Semester Hours)
- BUS235 Occupational Internship I (3 Semester Hours)
- CIS106 Spreadsheet Software (3 Semester Hours)
- CIS109 Introduction to Computers (3 Semester Hours)
- CIS220 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

FYE101 - First Year Experience (1 Semester Hours)

Suggested Program

First Semester - 14 Hours

- ACC101 Financial Accounting (4 Semester Hours)
- BUS103 Intro to Business (3 Semester Hours)
- CIS109 Introduction to Computers (3 Semester Hours)
- ENG101 Composition I (3 Semester Hours)
- FYE101 First Year Experience (1 Semester Hours)

Second Semester - 16 Hours

- Mathematics (MAT 106 or higher) 3 Semester hour(s)
- ACC102 Managerial Accounting (4 Semester Hours)
- BUS222 The Legal Environment of Bus (3 Semester Hours)
- CIS106 Spreadsheet Software (3 Semester Hours)
- COM131 Intro to Oral Communication (3 Semester Hours)

OR

ENG103 - Composition II (3 Semester Hours)

OR

ENG111 - Bus/Technical Communication (3 Semester Hours)

Third Semester - 16 Hours

- Humanities/Fine Arts 3 Semester Hour(s)
- ACC201 Intermediate Accounting I (4 Semester Hours)
- ACC203 Cost Accounting (3 Semester Hours)
- ACC205 Accounting Information Systems (3 Semester Hours)
- ECO211 Principles of Macroeconomics (3 Semester Hours)

Fourth Semester - 16 Hours

- ACC202 Intermediate Accounting II (4 Semester Hours)
- ACC204 Tax Accounting (3 Semester Hours)
- ACC207 Acct/Gov & Not-For-Profit Org (3 Semester Hours)
- BUS231 Occupational Seminar I (1 Semester Hours)
- BUS235 Occupational Internship I (3 Semester Hours)
- CIS220 Computer Accounting (2 Semester Hours)