

Accounting

The Accounting major is designed to prepare students for careers as professional certified public accountants, corporate controllers, financial officers, internal auditors, governmental accountants, or accountants in charitable organizations.

What Type of Work are Related to this Degree?

- Budget accountant
- Cost accountant Internal auditor
- Tax accountant
- Tax preparer
- Certified public accountant (examination and license required)
- Credit analyst
- Bank officer
- Personal financial planner

Who employs people with this degree?

- Private accounting firms, regional and national
- Nonprofit, education, and ministry organizations
- Government agencies such as the IRS and FBI
- Businesses and industries of all types
- Tax preparation companies
- Hospitals and health organizations
- Banks and other financial institutions Insurance companies
- Risk management firms
- Consulting firms

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General Strategies for Success:

- Pursue a high grade point average. Grades are an indicator of technical competence in accounting and of a person's work ethic.
- Potential employers place a big emphasis on strong interpersonal skills. Demonstrate these skills by having a well-rounded background.
- Actively participate in student organizations to develop leadership skills.
- Gain work experience and learn information about careers through internships. Consider completing internships in the spring semester, not just summer term. Some employers use internships as a way to screen potential hires. Others look for multiple internships as an indicator of employability.
- Accounting is a versatile degree. Students who graduate with a major in accounting may find jobs in many areas of business including: banking, financial planning, sales, production management, client management, product development, procurement, and general management.

Professional Associations

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
Institute of Management Accountants
The Institute of Internal Auditors
Association of Government Accounting
American Accounting Association
Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance
The association of International Accountants

This information represents possible occupations and strategies for careers with this major. As with any job or career, there may be additional qualifications or experience needed. For more information and options, make an appointment with Career & Leadership Development or check out our online resources on our website or on myUNW, Career & Leadership Development tab.