

Accounting

Observation of an organization's accounts and fiscal trends provides valuable data to those in business who must make decisions and predictions based on the economy. Accountants maintain the financial records and supervise the recording of transactions of businesses, corporations and not-for-profit organizations, as well as governmental units. They design and maintain systems to record changes in assets and liabilities; supervise accounting for expenses, payment, purchases, and inventories; and prepare periodic tax and financial reports. Areas of possible concentrations in accounting include budgets, cost, taxes, systems accounting, systems design auditing and financial reporting. Accountants work with people and must be able to communicate orally and in writing. One of the major functions of accountants is to give advice to management on potential courses of action. The Bachelor of Science degree in accounting prepares the students for the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination. This degree is a solid basis for employment as an accountant or in other business-related areas, such as economic analysis, credit analysis, marketing, personnel, banking or management of the total operation. Some students may elect further study in accounting, business or law. The employment opportunities for graduates in accounting are excellent.

Sample Job Titles

staff accountant	treasurer
auditor/accountant	managerial consultant
governmental accountant	financial manager
corporate accountant	controller
financial analyst	accounting educator
tax advisor	financial consultant

Some Employers of Accounting Majors

- *non-profit organizations
- *state/federal government
- *colleges/universities
- *private practice
- *insurance companies
- *banks
- *stock brokerages
- *business and industry

*accounting firms