

Accounting Major

General Information

The Accounting Department encourages and supports an environment where students can acquire both applied and theoretical knowledge of the various accounting fields. The department provides courses in accounting as a service for both majors and non-majors. Our primary purpose is to provide general professional accounting education leading to careers in both the public and private sectors. Accounting provides practical education in various areas such as managerial accounting, internal auditing, and governmental accounting. This program develops an excellent foundation for other business areas and for graduate studies in such areas as Business Administration, and Public Administration and Health Care Management.

Skills Associated with this Major

- Abstract thinking
- Ability to synthesize
- Analytical skills
- Communication
- Computer knowledge
- Decision making
- Interpersonal skills
- Legal knowledge
- Logical problem solving
- Motivation/initiative/drive
- Mathematics
- Objectivity

Typical Work Activities

- Accumulating and summarizing information
- Analyzing and interpreting data
- Compilation and review of financial information
- Conducting examinations of financial statements
- Designing systems to gather financial and related information
- Determine the financial effects of projected management actions aimed at achieving organization objectives
- Devising a reporting system for better control and decision making
- Tax return and supporting document preparation

Sample Occupations

(Please ask a career advisor for help in identifying resources for the following occupations. Note that some of these occupations require an advanced degree.)

- Actuary
- Auditor
- Bank Examiner
- Benefits Administrator
- Budgetary Control Analyst
- Chief Financial Officer
- Claims Adjuster
- Consumer Credit Officer
- Controller
- Cost Accountant
- CPA
- Credit and Collection Specialist

- FBI or CIA Agent
- Governmental Accountant
- Inventory Control Specialist
- IRS Investigator
- Loan Administrator
- Managerial Accountant
- Management Consultant
- Personal Financial Planner
- Professor
- Public Accountant
- Securities Broker
- Systems Analyst
- Tax Specialist
- Treasurer
- Trust Accountant
- Underwriter

Sample Occupational Settings

- Accounting firms
- Banks/financial institutions
- Consulting firms
- Federal, state and local government agencies
- Industry
- Non-Profit organizations
- Private Business

Job and Internship Search Links

Accountemps

<http://www.accountemps.com>

Accounting.com

<http://www.accounting.com/>

Bank of America

<http://www.bankofamerica.com>

Career Bank

<http://www.careerbank.com/>

CPAdirectory.com

<http://www.cpadirectory.com>

Credit Suisse First Boston

<http://www.credit-suisse.com/us/en/>

Deloitte and Touche

<http://www.deloitte.com/vs>

Financial Job Network

<http://www.financialjobnet.com>

Internship Hot Links

<http://www.uncw.edu/stuaff/career/Hotlinks/internshipresources.htm>

Internship Hot Spots

<http://www.uncw.edu/stuaff/career/internhotspots.htm>

Goldman and Sachs

<http://www.gs.com>

JP Morgan

<http://www.jpmorgan.com/>

KPMG

<http://www.us.kpmg.com/>

Management Resource

<http://www.rhimr.com>

Merrill Lynch

<http://www.ml.com>

MonsterTRAK

<http://www.monstertrak.com>

NationJob

<http://www.nationjob.com/financial>

NC Accounting Jobs

<http://www.nc-accounting-resumes.com/default.cfm>

Professional Finance Job Search and Career Information

<http://www.jobsinthemoney.com>

Prudential Securities

<http://www.prusec.com>

Robert Half International Staffing - Finance and Accounting Jobs

<http://www.roberthalffinance.com/Home?inTrack=logo>

Wachovia Corporation

<http://www.wachovia.com>

Career Planning Links

Accountants and Auditors from the Occupational Outlook Handbook

<http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos001.htm>

Bilingual career resources

<http://www.saludos.com/cguide/bgguide.html#finplanners>

Budget Organizers and Analysts from the Occupational Outlook Handbook

<http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos003.htm>

Careers in Accounting

<http://www.careers-in-accounting.com>

College Board Accounting Information

http://www.collegeboard.com/csearch/majors_careers/profiles/majors/52.0301.html

Finance and Accounting Information

<http://www.careers-in-business.com>

Financial Managers from the Occupational Outlook Handbook

<http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos010.htm>

Princeton Review – Accountants

<http://www.princetonreview.com/cte/profiles/dayInLife.asp?careerID=1>

Start There...Go Places

<http://startheregoplaces.com/>

Tax and Accounting Sites Directory

<http://www.taxsites.com>

Professional Associations Links

AACSB International

<http://www.aacsb.edu/accreditation/AccreditedMembers.asp>

Accreditation Council for Accountancy and Taxation

<http://www.acatcredentials.org>

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

<http://www.aicpa.org/index.htm>

Association for Financial Professionals

<http://www.afponline.org>

Association of Government Accountants

<http://www.agacgm.org>

CFA Institute

<http://www.cfainstitute.org>

Financial Management Association International

<http://www.fma.org>

Information Systems Audit and Control Association

<http://www.isaca.org>

The Institute of Internal Auditors

<http://www.theiia.org>

Institute of Management Accountants

<http://www.imanet.org>

National Association of State Boards of Accountancy

<http://www.nasba.org>

National Association of State Budget Officers

<http://www.nasbo.org>