

What Can I Do With a Major in...

Accounting?

The primary objective of the Accounting degree is to prepare you for a career in private industry, government, and local or national certified public accounting (CPA) firms. An additional objective is to provide a common body of knowledge in finance, law, management, marketing and computer science.

Accountants maintain the financial records and supervise the recording of transactions for businesses, corporations and non-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.

Skills/Competencies Associated with Accounting Majors:

- Ability to work with computers
- Independence
- Skill with numbers
- Tendency toward analytical thinking
- Capacity for precision, detail, order, patience, integrity, thoroughness
- Proficiency in written and oral communication
- Organize, analyze, or interpret numerical data
- Operate/use information derived from computers
- Explain complex financial data to others
- Lead, supervise, and direct others

Related Occupations:

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| Actuary | Credit and Collection Specialist | Methods and Procedures Specialist |
| Assistant Controller | Entrepreneur | Payroll Manager |
| Auditor | Estate Planner | Personal Financial Planner |
| Bank Examiner | FBI Agent | Plant Accountant |
| Benefits Administrator | Financial Analyst | Professor |
| Budgetary Control Analyst | General Auditor | Public Accountant |
| Certified Public Accountant | Governmental Accountant | Securities Broker |
| Chief Cost Accountant | Industrial Buyer | Stockbroker |
| Chief Financial Officer | Internal Auditor | Systems Analyst |
| CIA Agent | International Trade Specialist | Tax Lawyer |
| Claims Adjuster | Inventory Control Specialist | Tax Specialist |
| Collection Agent | IRS Investigator | Treasurer |
| Commercial Banker | Loan Administrator | Treasury Management Specialist |
| Commodities Trader | Loan Officer | Trust Accountant |
| Consumer Credit Officer | Logistics Specialist | Underwriter |
| Controller | Managerial Accountant | |
| Corporate Accountant | Management Consultant | |
| Cost Accountant | | |

*This is only a partial list and not meant to limit you. Come to Career Services to explore your options further.

Strategies

- Actively participate in student organizations to develop leadership skills
- Develop good computer skills
- Join a professional organization
- Strengthen communication skills
- Gain work experience and information about careers through internships
- Learn to work well within a team
- Help others prepare taxes to get experience
- Act as a treasurer of a student organization

Resources for Accounting Majors:

College Central Network
www.collegecentral.com/gmc

Amer. Institute of Certified Public Accountants
www.aicpa.org

National Association of Black Accountants
www.nabainc.org

Accounting Jobs Today
www.accountingjobstoday.com

O*NET OnLine
<http://online.onetcenter.org>

Information on Accounting Careers
www.becker.com

CPA Firms
www.cpafrms.com

Careers in Accounting
www.careers-in-accounting.com

Occupational Outlook Handbook
www.bls.gov/oco

American Society of Women Accountants
www.aswa.org/

CPA Zone
www.picpa.com

Accounting
www.accounting.com

Career Bank
www.careerbank.com

CPA Directory & Job Postings
www.cpadirectory.com

PICPA
www.picpa.org

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