

# ACCOUNTING



## MAJOR SKILLS GUIDE

### What is this program?

Accounting is the systematic and comprehensive recording and analysis of the cash flow and other financial and operational transactions of business and governmental organizations. Accounting includes planning and reporting to regulatory and other oversight agencies including taxing authorities as well as performing various audit functions.

### Skills

Accountants understand the flow of money into and out of a business, and correspondingly understand how to measure and report the financial health of organizations, including governmental and not-for-profit entities. Accountants act as both internal and independent auditors for publicly-traded corporations as well as private companies. Accountants provide advice and assistance for their clients toward the achieving the important goal of tax minimization.

### RECRUITERS TIP

“The future of Accounting is steeped in evolving technology — one of the best things you can do for yourself is to gain at least a basic proficiency in Microsoft Excel.”

### CAREER PATHS

# 1

#### Auditor (External)

**Auditors** investigate a company's financial statements to determine whether the information is complete and accurate.

#### Tax Accountant

**Tax Accountants** ensure that companies and individuals pay the least amount of tax legally owed and represent their clients before the Internal Revenue Service.

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#### Managerial Accountant

**Managerial Accountants** gather information and build reports that are aimed to help managers and executives within the organization make decisions.

#### Forensic Accountant

**Forensic Accountants** integrate an understanding of accounting principles with investigative techniques to determine whether the actions behind financial records and statements are suspicious.

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#### Advisory

**Advisors** work to anticipate and meet evolving risk and regulatory compliance requirements while adding value to operating and compliance processes.

#### Auditor (Internal)

**Internal Auditors** are employees of the company and examine business practices and risk factors.



## Licenses/Certifications



### Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

A CPA license puts you into an elite group of professionals who are trusted for their skills, dedication and quality.



### Certified Management Accountant (CMA)

This certification further develops your ability to make strategic business decisions based on an organization's financial situation.



### Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)

CFE training involves knowledge of complex financial transactions and understanding of forensic methods and law.

### Professional Program in Accounting

The PPA is designed for highly motivated students interested in pursuing a career in public accounting. The program incorporates completion of the BS Accounting and MS Accounting Degrees in 5 years and academically prepares students to pass the CPA Exam. Students also have the opportunity to participate in significant professional development opportunities and develop relationships with program peers through cohort classes.

## CORE COURSES

<b>ACCT 3312</b>	Introduction to Accounting Analytics
<b>ACCT 3331</b>	Intermediate Financial Accounting I
<b>ACCT 3332</b>	Intermediate Financial Accounting II
<b>ACCT 3341</b>	Cost Management Systems
<b>ACCT 3350</b>	Fundamentals of Taxation
<b>ACCT 4334</b>	Auditing
<b>ACCT 4342</b>	Accounting Information Systems and Financial Reporting

## RECRUITERS TIP

"If you have any plans to pursue your CPA, make every effort to complete it as soon as possible after college."

## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS



**The Accounting Club**



**Ascend Pan-Asian Leaders**



**National Association of Black Accountants**

*"Lifting As We Climb"*

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