

**Accountants are the financial experts of the business world. Accounting majors learn how to communicate business performance information, analyze financial data, and help companies achieve sustainable growth.**

**\$82K Median  
Annual Salary** (bls.gov)

**4% Job Growth  
2024-2034** (bls.gov)

**Accounting is the Language  
of Business**

## First Year

### FALL

SBE 100 First-Year Seminar	2	
MATH 146 College Algebra (MQR)	3	
ENGL 100 (CL-CW) Academic Reading/Writing	3	
MNGT 105 BizTechU	3	
Choose: General Education	3	
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Total: 17 credits

### SPRING

ECON 201 Microeconomics	3	
ACCT 231 Principles of Accounting I	3	
COMS 101 Public Speaking (CL-CS)	3	
Choose: General Education	3	
Choose: General Education	3	

Total: 15 credits

**First Year Advising Notes:** The classes required during the first two years of any Accounting or Business major are the same regardless of the major.

**Goals:** Talk to your academic advisor about your interests and goals and understand career options for Accounting majors. Do you want to study abroad? Accounting majors should plan to study abroad during their sophomore year or over a summer or J-Term. Explore student groups and join one that interests you.

## Second Year

### FALL

ACCT 232 Principles of Accounting II ( <i>C- or better in ACCT 231</i> )	3	
ECON 202 Macroeconomics	3	
Choose: General Education	3	
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Total: 15 credits

### SPRING

SBE 300 Professional Development ( <i>Soph. Standing</i> )	1	
MNGT 300 Mgmt. & Org Behavior ( <i>Soph. Standing</i> )	3	
ECON or MATH 226 Statistics ( <i>Math 146</i> )	3	
BLAW 265 Business Law I	3	
General Elective	3	
General Elective	3	

Total: 16 credits

**Second Year Advising Notes:** It is important for you to complete ACCT 232 by the end of your sophomore year to begin your upper-division Accounting courses in the fall of your junior year.

**Goals:** Explore accounting careers—meet with Career Services to discuss how your interests and skills might fit into a career path. Explore leadership positions within student organizations. Plan for an internship experience during your academic career. Participate in a Summer experience at an accounting firm.

## Third Year

### FALL

ACCT 321 Intermediate Accounting I (ACCT 232)	3	
ACCT 356 Managerial Cost Accounting (ACCT 232)	3	
BLAW 266 Business Law II (BLAW 265)	3	
FINC 345 Managerial Finance (C- or better in ACCT 231, ECON 202, and [ECON 226 or MATH 226 or PSYC 201])	3	
Choose: General Elective	3	

Total: 15 credits

### SPRING

ACCT 322 Intermediate Accounting II (C- or better in ACCT 321)	3	
ACCT 366 Accounting Systems (C or better in ACCT 321 & 356)	3	
MKTG 310 Principles of Marketing (Soph. standing)	3	
Choose: American Cultural Diversity (HA-ACD)	3	
Choose: General Elective	3	

Total: 15 credits

**Third Year Advising Notes:** If you're thinking about completing an accounting internship for credit, you need to have the following courses complete: ACCT 321 and ACCT 356. You can earn 3-12 credits for an internship in Accounting. At this point, you will have an Accounting faculty advisor.

**Goals:** Attend the campus Career Fair both fall and spring, as well as networking events and employer information meetings. Pursue a leadership position in a student organization.

## Fourth Year

### FALL

ACCT 360 Federal Income Tax I (ACCT 231)	3	
ACCT 430 Advanced Accounting (ACCT 322)	3	
ACCT 461 Auditing (C or better in ACCT 322 & ACCT 366)	3	
Choose: Accounting Elective	3	
Choose: Global Perspectives (CP-GP)	3	

Total: 15 credits

### SPRING

ACCT 361 Federal Income Tax II (ACCT 360)	3	
Choose: Accounting Elective	3	
Choose: General Elective	3	
Choose: General Elective	3	
Choose: General Elective	3	

Total: 15 credits

**Fourth Year Advising Notes:** Apply for graduation at the beginning of your final semester!

**Goals:** Meet with Career Services to perfect your cover letter and resume and get your applications out in early Fall. Attend networking events, career fairs, and employer information meetings.

## Employers (sample listing)

- Mahoney, P.A.
- Boeckermann, Grafstrom & Mayer, LLC
- Guinn, Vinopal & Zahradka, LLP
- CLA
- PwC
- Lawrence Cumpston & Associates
- Land O' Lakes, Inc.
- Redpath & Co.
- Mair & Associates
- Wipfli
- Boyum Barendscheer

## Career Titles (sample listing)

- Accountant
- Auditor
- Business Analyst
- Budget Analyst
- Certified Public Accountant
- Consultant
- Corporate Controller
- Forensic Accountant
- Internal Auditor
- Principal/Partner
- Revenue Agent
- Tax Accountant

### General Education Requirements

ENGL 100 (CL-CW) & ENGL 200 (CL-CA)	Humanities & Arts (HA) American Cultural Diversity (ACD)	Ethical Citizenship (EC)
Communication/Speaking & Listening (CL-CS)	Math (MQR) (MATH 146 or above)	Global Perspectives (GP)
Social & Behavioral Sciences (SBS) 2 Courses Required	Natural Science & Wellness 2 Courses Required, 1 Lab Exp.	Total: 36 credits

General Education	36 Credits
Accounting Major	66 Credits
General Electives	18 Credits
<b>Total Credits Needed for Degree:</b>	<b>120 Credits</b>

\* Shaded courses are only offered in the indicated semester.

\* Course prerequisites are listed next to the course.