

A.S. in Accounting

DESCRIPTION OF THE ACCOUNTING PROGRAM

This Associate of Science (A.S) degree in Accounting is a 60-credit program that allows students to have an understanding of the structures of business and the economic system. Generally, accountants create information, check it, summarize it, analyze it, interpret it, use it, and help others use it. Students will be trained through accounting coursework to obtain an extensive amount of financial and business knowledge that they can apply in various fields of accounting.

SKILLS

Communication. Accountants will collaborate across departments and communicate with a wide array of clients or colleagues. Communication skills will be required when interviewing for potential jobs in the field.

Computer/ IT. Accountants are often required to use specific software programs for finance-related work. Up-to-date technology skills become a necessity when hiring accountants.

Organization. Accountants need a system to keep track of their responsibilities such as important deadlines, pending transactions, portfolio managements, etc.

CAREER INFORMATION

Accountants are among the highest paid graduates and the demand is strong. Graduates majoring in accounting are prepared for, and hired as, certified public accountants, corporate accountants, internal auditors, government accountants, industrial accountants, managerial accountants, financial analysts and consultants, accounting system consultants and accounting in non-profit organizations.

Majoring in accounting does not limit you to just being an accountant. The analytical- and problem-solving skills learned in accounting prepare students for various other jobs in the field of business.

Many accounting majors transfer to four-year schools to earn a bachelor's degree. Others take accounting assistant, bookkeeping assistant or clerical jobs in the accounting field after completing a two-year degree. Where there is a need for financial information, in any type of organization or career path, there is a need for accountants.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Employment of accountants and auditors is projected to grow 5 percent from 2024 to 2034, about as fast as the average for all occupations. In general, employment growth of accountants and auditors is expected to be closely tied to the health of the overall economy. As the economy grows, more workers should be needed to prepare and examine financial records.

CAREER PATH

Most accountants and auditors work full time. Some work more than 40 hours per week. Overtime hours are typical at certain times of the year, such as at the end of the budget year or during tax season. The median annual wage for accountants and auditors was \$81,680 in May 2024.

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