

Accounting AAS DEGREE

Program Overview

An accountant examines, analyzes, and interprets accounting data for the purpose of giving advice and preparing financial statements. Duties may include performing such activities as recording receipts and disbursements, and preparing state and federal reports. The accountant may prepare reports and statements on a computer or manually.

Excellent reading skills and a combination of interest and ability to concentrate on detail, an analytical mind, good judgment and absolute integrity are necessary for success in the field of accounting.

Career Opportunities

With more and more emphasis being placed on computer usage for accounting careers, opportunities for employment in this field are excellent. Rate of advancement may be swift and the rewards generous.

The accounting profession offers a vast arena of employment potential. Typical places of employment include accounting departments in governmental agencies, financial institutions, private business and industry, and public accounting firms. Other job titles may be tax accountant, cost accountant, staff accountant, government accountant, auditor or junior accountant. The financial accounting technician positions are found in the areas of public accounting, private accounting, non-profit accounting, auditing, taxation, cost accounting and managerial positions.

Program Outcomes

1. Graduates will possess the knowledge and skills for immediate employment in related business support areas.
2. Graduates will be proficient in computer software and its application to financial accounting, taxation, and financial analysis.
3. Graduates will have knowledge of financial accounting theory and financial statement analysis.
4. Graduates will have completed general education requirements for employment and personal roles.
5. Graduates will serve their employers and clients in all phases of accounting, including financial accounting, managerial accounting and tax accounting.
6. Graduates will have critical thinking skills.

Program Faculty

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Part-time/Full-time Options

Some day, evening, and Saturday class availability. Students may attend full-time or part-time.

Program Requirements

Check off when completed

Required Business Core	Cr
Professional Component	
<input type="checkbox"/> ACCT 2410 Financial Accounting.	4
<input type="checkbox"/> BTEC 1421 Business Information Applications 1	3
<input type="checkbox"/> BUSN 1410 Introduction to Business.	3
<input type="checkbox"/> BUSN 1449 Business Communications.	3
<input type="checkbox"/> BUSN 2465 Business Ethics.	3
Required Business Core.	16

Course	Cr
<input type="checkbox"/> ACCT 1410 Introduction to Accounting.	2
<input type="checkbox"/> ACCT 1511 Federal Taxation 1.	4
<input type="checkbox"/> ACCT 1512 Federal Taxation 2.	4
<input type="checkbox"/> ACCT 1515 Payroll Processing.	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ACCT 1523 Accounting Computer Applications.	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ACCT 2411 Intermediate Accounting.	4
<input type="checkbox"/> ACCT 2420 Managerial Accounting.	4
<input type="checkbox"/> ACCT 2540 Financial Modeling for Spreadsheets.	4
Subtotal.	28

General Education/MnTC Requirements

Refer to the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Course List for each Goal Area

<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 1: Communication.	7
ENGL 1711 Composition 1 – 4 cr COMM 17XX – 3 cr	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 3 or Goal 4.	3
Goal 3: Natural Sciences OR Goal 4: Mathematical/Logical Reasoning	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 5: History, Social Science, and Behavioral Sciences.	3
ECON 1720 Macroeconomics – 3 cr OR ECON 1730 Microeconomics – 3 cr	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 6: Humanities and Fine Arts.	3
General Education Requirements	16

Total Program Credits 60

Program Start Dates

Fall, Spring, Summer

Transfer Opportunities

Saint Paul College has a transfer articulation agreement between the following program and post-secondary institutions for the baccalaureate degree programs listed below.

For more information please go to saintpaul.edu/Transfer.

Accounting AAS

BA	Individualized Studies Metropolitan State University
BBA	Accounting Concordia University, St. Paul
BBA	Finance Concordia University, St. Paul
BS	Accounting Saint Mary's University, Twin Cities Campus
BS	Applied Management Dunwoody College of Technology
BS	Business Management Herzing University

Course Sequence

The course sequence listed on the back of this guide is recommended for a full-time student; however, this sequence is not required. Contact Program Faculty with questions.

See back of this guide for Course Sequence

Minimum Program Entry Requirements

Students entering this program must meet the following minimum program entry requirements:

Reading: Score of 78+ or grade of "C" or better in READ 0722

Writing: Score of 78+ or grade of "C" or better in ENGL 0922

Arithmetic: Score of 52+ or grade of "C" or better in MATH 0745

Assessment Results and Prerequisites: Students admitted into Saint Paul College programs may need to complete additional courses based on assessment results and course prerequisite requirements. Certain MATH, READ, and ENGL courses have additional prerequisites.

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The mission of the Business Department at Saint Paul College is to sustain the College mission by providing quality, lifelong business education supported by technology for a diverse, metropolitan student population.

Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs

*Information is subject to change.
This Program Requirements Guide is not a contract.*

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Full-Time Course Sequence

The following sequence is recommended for a full-time student; however, this sequence is not required. Contact Program Faculty with questions.

First Semester

ACCT 1410 Introduction to Accounting	2
ACCT 1515 Payroll Processing	3
ACCT 1523 Accounting Computer Applications	3
BUSN 1410 Introduction to Business	3
Goal 1: COMM 17XX	3
Total Semester Credits.	14

Second Semester

ACCT 2410 Financial Accounting	4
BTEC 1421 Business Information Applications 1	3
BUSN 1449 Business Communications	3
BUSN 2465 Business Ethics	3
Goal 5: ECON 1720 Macroeconomics OR ECON 1730 Microeconomics	3
Total Semester Credits.	16

Third Semester

ACCT 1511 Federal Taxation 1	4
ACCT 2420 Managerial Accounting	4
Goal 1: ENGL 1711 Composition 1	4
Goal 6: Humanities and Fine Arts	3
Total Semester Credits.	15

Fourth Semester

ACCT 1512 Federal Taxation 2	4
ACCT 2411 Intermediate Accounting	4
ACCT 2540 Financial Modeling for Spreadsheets	4
Goal 3: Natural Sciences OR Goal 4: Mathematical/Logical Reasoning	3
Total Semester Credits.	15

Total Program Credits60

Part-Time Course Sequence

The following sequence is recommended for a part-time student; however, this sequence is not required. Contact Program Faculty with questions.

First Semester

ACCT 1410 Introduction to Accounting	2
ACCT 1515 Payroll Processing	3
ACCT 1523 Accounting Computer Applications	3
BUSN 1410 Introduction to Business	3
Total Semester Credits.	11

Second Semester

ACCT 2410 Financial Accounting	4
BUSN 1449 Business Communications	3
Goal 1: COMM 17XX	3
Total Semester Credits.	10

Third Semester

ACCT 1511 Federal Taxation 1	4
BUSN 2465 Business Ethics	3
Goal 5: ECON 1720 Macroeconomics OR ECON 1730 Microeconomics	3
Total Semester Credits.	10

Fourth Semester

ACCT 2420 Managerial Accounting	4
Goal 1: ENGL 1711 Composition 1	4
Goal 6: Humanities and Fine Arts	3
Total Semester Credits.	11

Fifth Semester

ACCT 1512 Federal Taxation 2	4
ACCT 2411 Intermediate Accounting	4
Total Semester Credits.	8

Sixth Semester

ACCT 2540 Financial Modeling for Spreadsheets	4
BTEC 1421 Business Information Applications 1	3
Goal 3: Natural Sciences OR Goal 4: Mathematical/Logical Reasoning	3
Total Semester Credits.	10

Total Program Credits60