

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. Complete accounting processing according to GAAP both manually and using accounting software.
2. Analyze the effects of basic income and payroll tax rules on individuals and entities.
3. Demonstrate proficiency in using computer software including spreadsheet, account and tax to solve complex business issues.
4. Analyze business issues applying accounting and finance theory and ethics.

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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

- ACCT 2410 Financial Accounting. 4
- BTEC 1421 Business Information Applications 1 . . . 3
- BUSN 1410 Introduction to Business 3
- BUSN 1449 Business Communications. 3
- BUSN 2465 Business Ethics 3
- Required Business Core 16**

Course Cr

- ACCT 1410 Introduction to Accounting. 2
- ACCT 1511 Federal Taxation 1. 4
- ACCT 1512 Federal Taxation 2. 4
- ACCT 1515 Payroll Processing. 3
- ACCT 1523 Accounting Computer Applications. . . 3
- ACCT 2411 Intermediate Accounting 4
- ACCT 2420 Managerial Accounting. 4
- ACCT 2540 Financial Modeling for Spreadsheets . . 4
- Subtotal. 28**

General Education/MnTC Requirements Cr

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

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

Total Program Credits 60

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

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
- BA Business
Bethel University
- BS Accounting
Saint Mary's University,
Twin Cities Campus
- BS Business Management
Herzing University

See back of this guide for Course Sequence



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

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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 Credits 60

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 Credits 60