



Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration Accounting

College of Business and Economics

Why choose accounting as a major?

By enrolling in the Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting, you will be preparing for a career that is both exciting and challenging and one that offers unlimited opportunities and rewards. Join thousands of other Cal State students who have achieved major leadership positions in business, education and politics after earning their bachelor's degree with a concentration in Accounting.

What sets Cal State Fullerton apart?

The accounting program at Cal State Fullerton is one of only five programs in the State of California that is nationally accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business as a separate program. We are extremely proud that our curriculum, faculty, and facilities meet these rigorous standards of excellence.

Our faculty members are dedicated to providing the best possible education. To attain this goal, we are actively engaged in basic and applied research that enables us to remain current in the many diverse areas of accounting and to advance the accounting profession. In addition, our faculty members utilize state-of-the-art technology in their classrooms and continually upgrade the curriculum to provide you with the most relevant, up-to-date degree plan available.

Our program offers classes that allow for flexible scheduling including day classes, evening classes and Saturday classes. This flexibility allows students the greatest opportunity to complete a quality accredited degree program within a reasonable time.

What is accounting?

It is true that accounting is the language of business. Traditionally, the accounting process involves record keeping—recording, classifying, reporting and interpreting economic events. But accounting today is so much more. Now, the accountant is an even more valuable member of the corporate strategic team with involvement in the corporation's planning, evaluating and forecasting of the future. Broadening areas of accounting include consulting in information systems design and management advisory services, which are leading fields

of expansion. The demand has never been greater for accounting graduates who can communicate effectively both orally and in writing, who can critically analyze business situations, and who have an in-depth understanding of accounting principles. And business is willing to compensate generously students who graduate with these skills.

What career opportunities are available?

A major in accounting provides students with a variety of career choices. The primary areas of employment include positions in public accounting, corporate accounting, government accounting and education. Within each of these principal categories, there are many unique opportunities. For example, public accounting includes audit and tax work, consulting, advising and planning. The management accountant in the corporate organization could specialize in cost accounting, internal auditing or tax planning, as well as serve in management and advisement positions. Every governmental agency and subdivision needs accountants. The work in this area is as varied as the number of divisions. Government accountants prepare financial reports, serve as both internal and external auditors, and are crucial in the budgeting process. Courses in accounting also meet the requirements for the Single Subject Waiver Program for secondary teachers in California. In addition, the undergraduate degree in accounting is a stepping stone to a master's degree that would allow one to teach at the community college level and also as an instructor at a university.

What are the program requirements?

Our program leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting. To earn the degree, all students are required to complete the university's General Education requirements, as well as the following three areas of the business administration major:

The Business Administration Core (51 units)

All students in business administration are required to complete a common body of core requirements covering the foundation areas of business administration and global business. The core ensures that every graduating student will have the intellectual and professional tools in the fields of accounting, economics, finance, management, management science/information systems and marketing to succeed in a responsible position in the business world.

Lower-division:

Accounting 201A Financial Accounting (3)

Accounting 201B Managerial Accounting (3)

Business Admin 201 Business Writing (3)

Economics 201 Principles of Microeconomics (3)

Economics 202 Principles of Macroeconomics (3)

Info Sys/Decision Sci 265 Intro to Information Systems and Applications (3)

Management 246 Business and its Legal Environment (3)

Math 135/130 Calculus (3-4)

Upper-Division:

Business Admin 301 Advanced Business Communications (3)
Economics 310 Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis (3)
OR Economics 315 Intermediate Business Analysis (3)
OR Economics 320 Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis (3)
Finance 320 Business Finance (3)
Info Sys/Decision Sci 361A QBA: Probability and Statistics (3)
Info Sys/Decision Sci 361B QBA: Statistics and Management Science (3)
Management 339 Principles of Management and Operations (3)
Management 340 Organizational Behavior (3)
Marketing 351 Principles of Marketing (3)
Global Business Elective (3)

Specialized Courses in the Accounting Concentration (21 units)

Accounting 301A Intermediate Accounting I (3)
Accounting 301B Intermediate Accounting II (3)
Accounting 302 Cost Accounting (3)
Accounting 307 Accounting Information Systems (3)
Accounting 308 Concepts of Federal Income Tax Accounting (3)

and two of the following:

Accounting 401 Advanced Accounting (3)
Accounting 402 Auditing (3)
Accounting 403 Accounting for Governmental and Nonprofit Entities (3)
Accounting 408 Problems in Taxation (3)
Accounting 420 Advanced Cost Accounting (3)
Accounting 460 Seminar in Financial Statement Analysis (3)
Accounting 470 Tax Research, Practice and Procedures (3)

Capstone Course (3 units)

The program culminates with the capstone course, Management 449–Seminar in Strategic Management. This seminar provides an additional focus on what has been learned in the core and concentration through applications in significant, current and real business problems.

Second Language Graduation Requirement

Since the Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration is a high-unit program, majors are exempt from the second language graduation requirement.

**What is special about the
accounting program at
Cal State Fullerton?**

First, we have an accredited program. That makes us uniquely special in Orange County and most of Southern California.

Next, our number one objective is the development of our students. We are constantly seeking to answer questions such as what is the best curriculum for students? What can we offer that will enhance the educational experience of

students? How can we help students who need financial support? How can we help students with job placement?

In order to meet the needs of our students, we are revising our curriculum to offer more specialized training. We plan to provide students an option for a transition into a five-year program when it is mandated by the state. We offer an enhanced learning experience through internships, independent study and student group activities. In addition, most internships are paid positions. Each year the student groups sponsor a “Meet the Firms Night” and an “Industry Night” to enable students to meet various prospective employers. Public accounting firms in the area also formally recruit on the campus. Our goal is to have all graduating seniors employed in acceptable positions as soon as practical after completing the program.

What department awards are available to students?

There are a number of awards and scholarships that are offered by the Accounting Advisory Association, California Society of Certified Public Accountants, American Association of Women Accountants, Association of Government Accountants, Institute of Internal Auditors, and several CPA Review companies, as well as several individuals.

Are there special activities for accounting students?

Accounting students enjoy the support of strong student groups. Membership in the Accounting Society is open to any student who has completed or is enrolled in at least one accounting class. This student organization is very active in networking with firms and in sponsoring activities such as picnics, recreation events and community service projects. Beta Alpha Psi is the accounting honorary student organization. The requirements for membership eligibility are stricter, and students are expected to devote a significant amount of time to the group. This group also sponsors activities for networking with firms, as well as a variety of community activities.

Who advises accounting students?

Academic advisement for all undergraduate business students is available in the Business Advising Center. Information is available on admission requirements, curriculum and graduation requirements, and transfer course evaluations. The center is located in Langsdorf Hall, room 731, and is open Monday through Thursday on a walk-in basis. For further information and specific hours, please call (714) 287-2211, or e-mail bizdoc@fullerton.edu.

How can I learn more?

For additional information, you may contact one of our faculty career path advisers. Contact information is available from the Accounting Department office at (714) 278-2225, or visit our website at: www.business.fullerton.edu/accounting/.