

Accounting



Accountants work with the financial records of businesses or individuals to prepare financial statements. They compile, analyze, and interpret business and financial records such as income statements, balance sheets, cost studies, and tax returns in order to provide their clients with advice on financial matters.

Accounting as a Major at Notre Dame College

The accounting major is designed to prepare students to function as accounting professionals and to progress to positions of leadership in the profession. The program is designed to provide students with a thorough understanding of accounting principles; auditing, tax and reporting practices and planning; and the management of business, accounting and financial activities. This program also prepares students to pursue graduate study in the field of accounting that students majoring in the field may wish to pursue.

Notre Dame College students wishing to obtain a degree in Accounting should enroll in the Business Administration program.

Example of core courses in Business Administration:

BU 155, 156	Accounting Principles I, II
BU 220	Introduction to Computers
BU 230	Marketing Principles
BU 232	Business Communications
BU 240	Management and Organization

Required courses:

BU 255, 256	Intermediate Accounting I, II
BU 315	Auditing
BU 320	Cost Accounting
BU 325	Federal Income Tax
BU 455	Advanced Accounting

Graduate Programs

There are many universities that offer MBA programs. You can also consult Peterson's Graduate & Professional Programs, Book 1, in the Career Services Center. Listed below are just a few of the universities in Ohio with the program:

- Bowling Green State University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Cleveland State University
- John Carroll University
- Kent State University
- Miami University
- Ohio University
- Ohio State University
- University of Akron
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Dayton
- University of Toledo
- Wright State University
- Xavier University
- Youngstown State University

<http://www.ohiobanetwork.org/> is also a great resource.

Personal Qualifications

- Must be able to analyze, compare, and interpret data
- Must have problem-solving/critical thinking skills
- Should be able to concentrate for extended periods
- Must possess oral and writing communication skills
- Must possess the ability to work well with people, business systems and computers
- Should be ethical, and able to handle responsibility
- Should have high standards of accuracy
- Should be able to work independently or in teams

Professional Organizations

- Institute of Management Accountants
- American Institute of CPAs
- International Accounting Standards Board
- Financial Accounting Standards Board
- US Securities and Exchange Commission
- Institute of Chartered Accountants
- Chartered Institute of Management Accountants
- National Association of Enrolled Agents
- Association of Government Accountants

"It used to be that accountants were "bean counters" — people with pencils, calculators and ledger paper. The accountants of today are anything but — they're financial specialists, human resource guidance counselors, information technology references, trainers, management consultants, and even litigation and forensic service specialists. There is no limit to the future of this industry."

—Heather Long Molinero, Executive Director, ACPA International

Related Career Titles for Accounting Majors

Actuary	Commodities Trader	Industrial Buyer
Computer Programmer	Internal Auditor	Auditor
Bank Examiner	Controller	Inventory Control Specialist
Cost Accountant	IRS Investigator	Budgetary Control Analyst
Managerial Accountant	CIA Agent	Financial Analyst
Claims Adjuster/Examiner	General Auditor	Payroll Manager
Governmental Accountant	Personal Financial Planner	Commercial Banker
Plant Accountant	Professor	Public Accountant
Loan Administrator	Certified Public Accountant	Entrepreneur
Industrial Accountant	Credit and Collection Specialist	Loan Officer/Consumer Credit
FBI Agent	Methods/Procedures Specialist	Collection Agent
Assistant Controller	International Trade Specialist	Benefits/Compensation Administrator
Chief Cost Accountant	Estate Planner	Management Consultant
Chief Financial Officer	Accountant, Public Practice	Lawyer—Audit Manager
Budget Accountant	Cost Department Supervisor	Employment Agency Counselor
Financial Aid Director	Fundraiser	Institutional Buyer
International Trade Specialist	IRM Consultant	Securities Broker
Stockbroker	Systems Analyst	Tax Lawyer
Tax Specialist	Treasurer	Treasury Management Specialist
Trust Accountant	Underwriter	Administrator
Bookkeeper	Business Teacher	Contract Administrator
Contract Administrator	EDP Auditor	External Auditor
Financial Investment Analyst	Industrial Transportation Specialist	Inventory Control Specialist
IRS Investigator	Management Accountant	Administrative Services Manager
Production Manager	Sales Manager	Systems Accountant
Tax Accountant	Tax Supervisor/Auditor	Treasury Management Specialist
Property Accountant	Student Affairs Manager	Tax Compliance Specialist
Television/Film Producer		

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