



WHAT CAN I DO WITH ACCOUNTING?

Accounting is the means by which a company or organization communicates its financial information. This is why many call it the "language of business."

Individuals who are fluent in this language are a valuable asset, which is why an accounting major has a variety of career options from which to choose after graduation.

Public Accounting

Public accounting refers to accounting firms that serve businesses and organizations. Services include preparation and review of audit and tax filings, as well as advising and consulting on business decisions of companies.

Corporate Accounting

Corporate accountants work in businesses and maintain their financial records to ensure compliance with accounting standards and regulations, while also helping executives to make financial decisions.

Nonprofit/Governmental Accounting

Individuals in this area work in organizations such as schools, hospitals, foundations, the SEC, IRS, FBI, and more, with a variety of financial management needs and goals.

VARIOUS ACCOUNTING CAREER PATHWAYS

➔ Tax Accountant

Plans and prepares tax filings of an organization, including research around tax law.

➔ Forensic Accountant

Specially trained in forensic accounting techniques for evaluating and investigating financial records for possible fraud activity.

➔ Auditor

Documents and reviews financial statements, including areas of risk, internal control, financial compliance, and regulation.

➔ Managerial Accountant

Reviews financial performance to improve company costs and operational effectiveness of a company.

➔ Financial Accountant

Prepares monthly and annual financial statements to support executive business decisions.

➔ Governmental Accountant

Audits businesses and individuals who are government- regulated and taxed.

➔ Accounting Information System Auditor

Utilizes computer programming and software knowledge to manage software for accountants and other financial professionals.

➔ How to start exploring accounting!

- Meet with the Business, Entrepreneurship, and Consulting Advisor!
- Join Accounting Student Organizations in the School of Accountancy & MIS
- Explore accounting-specific professional organizations, like Beta Alpha Psi or the American Institute of CPAs.
- Search job boards to get an idea of what internship and entry-level roles interest you and what skills they require.

TOP 3 SKILLS IN ACCOUNTING

- Analytical and Quantitative Skills
- Problem-Solving Skills
- Communication Skills