

Accounting

Modern accounting serves as the language of business and the backbone of modern business operations, facilitating communication between stakeholders and guiding strategic decision-making regarding resource allocation, risk management, and compliance with regulatory standards. With the advent of technology and globalization, accounting has evolved to incorporate data analytics, automation, and other emerging tools to offer real-time insights, enabling businesses to adapt to dynamic market conditions and regulatory requirements more accurately and effectively. Majoring in accounting equips students with the knowledge and skills necessary to drive organizational success and contribute to sustainable business growth.

Why study Accounting at the Palumbo-Donahue School of Business?

Our accounting program provides excellent preparation for a career in corporate, industrial, government, nonprofit or public accounting.

In addition, we aim to make sure that you graduate with more than the technical knowledge needed in your first professional position. Our program is designed to develop your critical thinking skills, and accounting classes challenge you to identify and analyze problems and make recommendations about today's vital business issues. Accounting classes also emphasize communication and interpersonal skills as well as the ethical responsibilities of accounting professionals.

Accounting majors have access to the state-of-the-art Accounting Lab, which provides students with access to Oracle Netsuite, AI Mindbridge and other accounting software. Students use the Accounting Lab for course assignments and projects across the accounting curriculum.

A number of extracurricular activities will enhance your classroom experience. Two organizations, Beta Alpha Psi and the Student Accounting Association, host guest speakers on campus and organize networking events. These events give you the chance to meet accounting professionals and learn about career opportunities. In addition, the Accounting Advisory Council, composed of regional professionals, sponsors a dynamic mentoring program.

The accounting program satisfies the accounting course requirements of Pennsylvania's 150-hour CPA law. Therefore, students who complete our undergraduate program have the option of choosing from a variety of graduate programs to satisfy the additional 30 academic credits needed to reach 150 in total. Graduate programs such as the Master of Science in Accountancy, Master of Science in Analytics & Information Management, or the MBA, allow students to customize their education given their career aspirations.

Scholarship and awards

Each year, many accounting students receive internal awards and scholarships, which are based on academic merit, leadership and dedication to Duquesne University's tradition of service to the community. Alumni and accounting firms as well as corporations and professional organizations that support the mission of the accounting program have provided more than \$65,000 annually in scholarships.

Career Prospects

Accounting majors have historically been able to choose from a wide variety of career paths and employers. Most accounting students have job offers by the first semester of their final year, and almost all accounting students have jobs by graduation or shortly thereafter.

Courses

Course	Prerequisites	Semesters Offered
BUSINESS CORE/REQUIRED COURSES (54 Credits) <i>This information is subject to change.</i>		
REQUIRED COURSES (24 Credits)		
ACCT 310: Accounting Information Systems	ACCT 214, ACCT 215	Fall
ACCT 311: Intermediate Accounting I	ACCT 214	Fall, Spring
ACCT 312: Intermediate Accounting II	ACCT 311	Fall, Spring
ACCT 314: Advanced Accounting	ACCT 312	Fall, Spring
ACCT 315: Financial Planning & Cost Management	ACCT 215	Fall, Spring
ACCT 411W: Auditing	ACCT 312	Spring
ACCT 412W: Introductory Income Tax Accounting	ACCT 214, ACCT 215	Fall
ACCT 414: Corporate and Partnership Tax	ACCT 412	Spring
ELECTIVE (3 Credits)		
BUAD 401: Business Administration Internship	60 credits	Fall, Spring, Summer
BLAW 354: Commercial Transactions*	BLAW 251	Spring
BLAW 355W: Law of Business Organizations	BLAW 251	Fall
BLAW 454: Law of International Commercial Transactions	BLAW 251	Fall
FINC 333: Financial Management	FINC 313	Fall, Spring
FINC 334: Investments	FINC 313	Fall, Spring
ISYS 381W: Systems Analysis and Design	ISYS 184	Fall, Spring
MKTG 372: Emotional Intelligence		Spring

*Students taking the CPA examination are strongly encouraged to take BLAW 354 as an elective.

Recommended Sequence

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Junior Year	ACCT 310: Accounting Information Systems ACCT 311: Intermediate Accounting I	ACCT 312: Intermediate Accounting II ACCT 315: Financial Planning & Cost Management
Senior Year	ACCT 314: Advanced Accounting ACCT 412W: Income Tax Accounting	ACCT 354: Commercial Transactions ACCT 411W: Auditing ACCT 414: Corporate and Partnership Taxation

Graduation Requirements

Students must earn a minimum overall GPA of a 2.0.

A Minor in Accounting

Students can earn a minor in Accounting by completing ACCT 311, 312, 314, and 310 or 315.

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Accounting and Business Analytics Co-Major (STEM) Courses

Business Analytics complements and strengthens other business majors, which is why this program is a co-major (i.e., it cannot be taken as a stand-alone major). The program focuses on the ability to communicate the business analysis of data that spans all disciplines.

Recommended Sequence:

Fall Year 1		Spring Year 1	
BRDG 100: Research & Info Skills	1	ACCT 214: Financial Accounting	3
BRDG 101: Writing & Analysis	3	BLAW 251: Business Law	3
BUAD 103/L: First Year Innovation Experience	3	BRDG 102: Writing & Literature	3
COMM 202W: Business & Professional Communication	3	BUAD 110: Internship Prep Practicum	0
MATH 101: College Algebra	3	ISYS 184: Business Information Systems	3
MKTG 271: Marketing & Business Development	3	MATH 111: Calculus for Non-Science Students	3
Total	16	Total	15

Fall Year 2		Spring Year 2	
BRDG 105H/P/T: Intro to Ethical Reasoning	3	ACCT 215: Managerial Accounting	3
BUAD 210: Career Preparation Practicum	0	ECON 202: Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON 201: Principles of Microeconomics	3	MGMT 261: Management & Organizational Behavior	3
ISYS 284: Data for Decision Making	3	SCMG 267: Supply Chain Operations Management	3
STAT 285: Business Statistics	3	Theology Requirement	3
Essential Questions Seminar	3		
Total	15	Total	15

Fall Year 3		Spring Year 3	
Required Major Course (ACCT 310: Accounting Information Systems)	3	Required Major Course (ACCT 312: Intermediate Accounting II)	3
Required major Course (ACCT 311: Intermediate Accounting I)	3	Required Major Course (ACCT 315: Financial Planning & Cost Management)	3
FINC 313: Business Finance	3	MGMT 262: Global Insights	3
Cultural Fluency & Responsivity	3	Business Analytics Elective Course	3
BUBA 285: Foundations of Business Analytics	3	BUBA 286: Business Analytics for Decision Making	3
	15		15

Fall Year 4		Spring Year 4	
Required Major Course (ACC 314: Advanced Accounting)	3	Required Major Course (ACC 411W: Auditing)	3
Required Major Course (ACC 412W: Introductory Income Tax Accounting)	3	Required Major Course (ACC 414: Corporate & Partnership Taxation)	3
MGMT 368W: Business Ethics & Global Citizenship	3	Required Accounting Major Elective	3
Business Analytics Elective Course	3	MGMT 499W: Strategic Management	3
Philosophy Requirement	3	Business Analytics Capstone	3
Total	15	Total	15

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