

Accounting

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- Bachelor of Arts
- Minor

The Bachelor's in Accounting degree prepares students for challenging careers and positions of leadership in the private, nonprofit, and public sectors.

All majors in the College of Business and Management require foundation knowledge in accounting, economics, and statistics. Students must earn a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 across all foundation courses.

The Bachelor's Degree

The Bachelor's degree in Accounting prepares students for careers in business, government, and nonprofit organizations. The objectives of the curriculum are to develop technical competencies in each of the major areas of accounting (financial, managerial, auditing, and taxation) and to provide students with educational qualifications needed for the professional certifications of certified management accountant (CMA), certified internal auditor (CIA), certified information systems auditor (CISA), and foundational knowledge required for certified public accountant (CPA).

Advising

New students must contact the department for initial advising to plan a program of study that satisfies degree requirements and reflects their interests. Students are also required to access the Degree Audit System throughout their college career to verify that degree requirements are being met.

The College of Business and Management and the University of Illinois Springfield have a team of advisors ready to assist students in achieving their academic and career preparation goals. Advising services are customized based on the level and location of the student. Refer to the Undergraduate Academic Advising - College of Business and Management for resources to help you succeed in achieving your academic goals. CBM strictly enforces prerequisites.

Grading Policy

A minimum grade of C- is required in ALL foundation courses EXCEPT ACC 211 and ACC 212. A minimum grade of C (2.0) is required in ACC 211 and ACC 212 (a grade of C- or lower will not be accepted).

A minimum grade of C- is required in all College Core courses EXCEPT MGT 488 and ACC 335. A minimum grade of C (2.0) is required in MGT 488 and ACC 335 (a grade of C- or lower will not be accepted).

Internship

The Accounting degree requires a minimum of three hours of internship course work consisting of an individualized field experience (IPL 300) or an individual project (IPL 301). Students are encouraged to complete six hours of internship. Internship hours will be used to fulfill the Engagement Experience ECCE category. Students must complete course work in at least one of the other ECCE categories including U.S. Communities and Global Awareness. The one hour UNI 301 Speaker Series course fulfills the last hour of the ECCE requirement (10 Total ECCE hours required).

- Only in exceptional cases, using a Student Petition, with appropriate College of Business and Management approvals, students may request to waive the three-hour internship requirement and substitute an alternative ECCE course.
- Credit for Prior Learning (IPL 305) may not be used by College of Business and Management students to fulfill degree requirements.

Program Learning Outcomes

In addition to the College of Business objectives (listed below), specific program learning outcomes of the B.A. in Accounting are to:

1. Create a professionally oriented learning environment which fosters development of personal, professional and social responsibility, disciplinary competencies, and professional ethics.
2. Emphasize conceptual knowledge and the development of problem-solving and data analytics.
3. Service as an information resource and a networking hub for students, alumni, employers, and professional organization.

Upon completion of a Bachelor's degree through the College of Business and Management, students will meet the following goals and objectives:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of key concepts in the major business disciplines, including accounting, economics, management, marketing, finance information systems and the legal and social environment of business.
2. Systematically analyze a business problem using appropriate methods. Students will be able to: effectively examine alternatives, analyze alternatives, and recommend an appropriate course of action.
3. Demonstrate effective oral communication skills and the use of presentation technologies.
4. Demonstrate effective written communication skills.
5. Understand the use of information technologies in organizations.
6. Understand, interpret, and analyze quantitative problems and quantitatively presented information.

Requirements

Foundation Requirements

Junior or senior standing required to enroll in ECO 315.

ACC 211	Introduction to Financial Accounting	6
& ACC 212	and Introduction to Managerial Accounting	
ECO 213	Statistics for Business and Economics	3
or MAT 121	Applied Statistics	
ECO 201	Introduction to Microeconomics	4-6
& ECO 202	and Introduction to Macroeconomics	

or ECO 315 Economics for Administration

Total Hours **13-15**

Course work equivalent to the above may be accepted upon approval by the student's advisor and the College of Business and Management by a Student Petition.

College Core

The college core is required of all undergraduate College of Business and Management students. Students must earn a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 across all college core courses.

ACC 335	Accounting Information Systems ¹	3
BUS 312	Principles of Marketing	3
BUS 322	Principles of Operations Management	3
BUS 331	ECCE: Business, Ethics, and Society	3
FIN 302	Principles of Financial Management	3
MGT 310	Managing Organizational Behavior	3
MGT 330	Business and Managerial Communication	3
MGT 488	Strategic Management: The Capstone ²	3
MIS 376	Business Analytics	3
Total Hours		27

¹ Accounting majors must take this course to fulfill the MIS 352 Principles of Management Information Systems requirement for the college core.

² Prerequisites: All college core courses, and within 12 hours of graduation or during the student's last semester.

Major Requirements

To earn a Bachelor's in Accounting a student must:

1. Complete at least 48 semester hours of upper-division (300-400 level) course work.
2. Complete at least one half of his or her business course work at UIS. (college core and major)
3. Earn a minimum grade of C (2.0) in ALL Accounting courses required for the major. (a grade of C- or lower will not be accepted)

Students enrolled prior to fall 2009 may substitute an equivalent 3 hour Accounting or equivalent CBM course for a 4 hour course requirement by use of a Student Petition. All Accounting majors must complete 21 core credit hours to fulfill the Accounting core requirements.

Required Courses

ACC 321	Intermediate Financial Accounting I	3
ACC 322	Intermediate Financial Accounting II	3
ACC 324	Intermediate Financial Accounting III	3
ACC 433	Intermediate Managerial Accounting	3
ACC 443	Federal Taxation	3
ACC 464	Auditing Principles	3
ACC Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		21

¹ Any 400-level ACC course. Students may request to use a 300-level ACC course through a Student Petition. ACC 311, College Core and ECCE courses may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

Other graduation requirements include:

Engaged Citizenship Common Experience (ECCE) ¹ 10

With advisor approval, community college transfer students who complete course work equivalent to ACC 321, ACC 322 and ACC 324 with a grade of B (3.0) or better (grades of B- or lower will not be accepted), may not be required to complete these courses at UIS. Acceptance of Accounting core transfer credit is subject to departmental approval.

Students must complete a minimum of 12 hours in Accounting prefix courses (ACC) at the UIS College of Business and Management.

Transferring in College Core Courses

The following requirements must be met in order for transfer credit to fulfill an upper division college core course requirement:

1. The course must be an upper division course.
2. The course must have been completed within six years prior to admission.
3. A grade of C (2.0) or better must be earned in each course requested for transfer. (grades of C- or lower will not be accepted)
4. No more than four courses or twelve hours of transfer credit may be used to fulfill CBM college core course work.
5. MGT 488 must be completed at UIS.

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