Accounting

at Benedictine University

Why study accounting at Benedictine?

Students have historically found opportunities and job stability in the accounting field. A degree in Accounting will provide you with a solid foundation that is useful in many careers. The accountant provides and analyzes useful information to guide investors, managers and creditors in both for-profit and nonprofit organizations.

- Many of our students qualify for an internship. These are opportunities with local companies in which you can use your accounting background to gain practical experience. An internship can be very helpful in finding your first professional position.
- You can receive credit for life or work experience if you have had prior business or accounting opportunities.
- Computer terminals are available at several locations on campus for convenient use.
- You will be able to meet the 150-hour CPA requirement by completing a master's degree in one of our graduate programs.

What does a degree in Accounting at Benedictine offer?

You will acquire knowledge of the principles of financial and managerial accounting and develop your skills in communication, analytical thinking and teamwork. The Accounting program at Benedictine will also equip you with a thorough grounding in the other business disciplines.

What careers are available with a degree in Accounting?

The following are among the career choices of our recent graduates in accounting:

- Controller
- Product Planner
- Certified Public Accountant
- Division Budget Manager
- Corporate Financial Analyst
- Accounting Supervisor
- Internal Auditor
- Loan Operations Manager
- Tax Staff Accountant
- Systems Analyst
- Bank Loan Officer
- IRS Agent

How does the program work?

As an Accounting major, you will acquire the broad base of knowledge represented by the University's core courses taken by all students that will prove valuable in your future career development and daily life as a citizen of your community. You will develop knowledge in the social sciences, computer science and mathematics. You will learn the fundamentals of the economic system, both as it functions at the national level and within the corporation, and the principles of statistical methods. You'll also gain a solid understanding of financial and managerial accounting, cost accounting, taxation, auditing and ethics. The capstone course, Issues in Corporate Financial Reporting, will allow you to integrate and apply your accounting expertise.

Internship M.B.A. and Master of Science (M.S.) in Accountancy 4+1 Programs

Earn a graduate degree in approximately one year after earning your undergraduate degree with the Internship Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) or M.S. in Accountancy programs. These programs were developed specifically for students who wish to earn an M.B.A. degree or M.S. degree in Accountancy immediately following an undergraduate degree. The Internship M.B.A. program provides a faculty advisor who guides students in locating internships. Acceptance into either program is determined individually for each student based on transcript grades. Course waivers or substitutions are not guaranteed. Typically, two years of work experience is required for the Internship M.B.A. with consideration of part-time employment given.

Recommended Program

Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting

Benedictine University recently reformed its undergraduate curriculum and implementation begins in Fall 2014. This recommended program of study is an example only and subject to change.

FRESHMAN

Writing Colloquium	3
Finite Mathematics or College Algebra	3
Accounting I	3
Physical/Life Science Core elective	3
Fine Arts/Music Core elective	3
	15

Speech Communication	3
Business Calculus	3
Principles of Microeconomics	3
Accounting II	3
Research Writing	3
	15

JUNIOR

Accounting major specialization course**	3
Physical/Life Science Core elective	3
Literature/Foreign Language Literature	3
Elective	3
Baptism of Europe (HUMN 230)	3
	15

Accounting major specialization course**	3
Managerial Finance	3
Anthropology/Political Science Core elective	3
Converging Hemispheres (HUMN 240)	3
Elective	3
	15

SOPHOMORE

Intermediate Accounting I	3
Business Statistics I	3
Management	3
ACCT 310 (recommended) or CMSC 180 and 184	3
Principles of Macroeconomics	3
	15

Intermediate Accounting II	3
Business Statistics II	3
Marketing	3
Ethics*	3
Mediterranean World (HUMN 220)	3
	15

SENIOR

Accounting major specialization course**	3
Religious Studies or Philosophy Core elective*	3
Electives	6
Contemporary World (HUMN 250)	3
	15

Psychology/Sociology Core elective	3
Issues in Corporate Financial Reporting	3
Internship or electives	9
	15

* *The ethics course can be satisfied by MGT/THE0 252 or a core approved Philosophy ethics course.*

** *Major specialization courses: Accounting Information Systems, Cost Accounting, Federal Taxation, Auditing and Assurance Services, and Advanced Accounting.*

Accounting majors interested in meeting the requirements for taking the Certified Public Accounting (CPA) examination should take ACCT 211, 212, 311, 312, 313, 315 and 380 along with ACCT 120, 215, MGT 252 and MGT 237.

Concentrations

What are concentrations? Concentrations are specific groupings of courses designed to develop a career focus within an undergraduate major. These bundles of courses allow students to focus their studies and actively prepare for a career in a specialized field. Certain courses in the concentration may fulfill major specialization requirements in several majors.

Business Analytics

Twelve semester credit hours consisting of: BALT 320 Data and Text Mining, BALT 340 Web Intelligence and Analytics, BALT 310 Visualization Techniques and Dashboarding and BALT 330 Database Structures and Queries.

Managing Human Resources

Twelve semester credit hours consisting of three required courses: MGT 330 Human Resource Management, MGT 334 Training and Development, and MGT 335 Compensation and Performance Management; and one of the following courses: MGT 235 Business Law I, MGT/PSYC 320 Organizational Behavior or MGT/INTB 302 International Management.

Integrated Marketing Communications (IMC)

Thirteen semester credit hours consisting of: MKTG 330 Promotional Strategy, MKTG 331 Internet Marketing Communications, MKTG 332 Web 2.0 Tools in Business, MKTG 333 Personal Selling and Sales Management, and COMM 208 Layout and Design. MKTG 297 Internship is strongly recommended as elective coursework to supplement the concentration.

Operations Management

Twelve semester credit hours consisting of: MGT 333 Operations Management, BALT 350 Business Process Management, INTB 340 Global Logistics and MGT 235 Business Law I.

Personal Financial Planning

Twelve semester credit hours consisting of three required courses: FINA 220 Personal Financial Planning, ACCT 312 Federal Taxation and FINA 320 Investments; and either MGT 235 Business Law I or ACCT 120 VITA Volunteer Income Tax Accounting plus FINA 120 Financial Literacy. FINA 297 Internship is strongly recommended as elective coursework to supplement the concentration.

Sports Management

Twelve semester credit hours consisting of two required courses: MGT 305 Introduction to Sports Culture in America and MKTG 305 Sports Marketing; and two of the following courses: MGT 235 Business Law, MGT 297 Internship and MGT 301 Entrepreneurship.

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