

ACCOUNTING

Description

The major in accounting is the professional study of keeping and managing financial statements. It includes the compilation of financial information for use in making economic decisions. More than the keeping of business records found in account books and ledgers, it requires an understanding of those business transactions that have an impact on the business or other organization, whether positive or negative, and the reproduction of these transactions as a part of the financial statement.

Plan of study

The plan of study usually calls for the completion of courses that will make one eligible to sit for the certified public accountant (C.P.A.) examination. The undergraduate degree can be awarded as a bachelor of science or as a bachelor of business administration. The major also may be combined with subjects such as economics, finance, or general management in a dual major program.

Expect to take

Principles of accounting, tax accounting, cost accounting, principles of finance, business law, money and banking, calculus and advanced calculus, fundamentals of computer programming.

Suggested high school subjects

Advanced mathematics, business electives, social studies electives, computer studies. (Warning—over-specialization in business courses at the high school level could be viewed as vocational and not college preparation.)

General interest areas

Mathematics, business, law, finance.

Some career possibilities

accountant (C.P.A.)	F.B.I. agent
auditor	Internal Revenue Service agent
banking trainee	management consultant
budget accountant	small business owner
bursar	tax accountant
comptroller	teacher

Some related majors

applied mathematics	computer science
banking and finance	economics
business administration	insurance
business economics	marketing
business statistics	