

Accountancy

Accounting is a central function in any complex organization. . .

Accounting provides essential information for decision making, strategic planning, and performance evaluation. Accountants are needed to provide relevant data in an appropriate form and to ensure the reliability of that information.

What you can do with a degree in Accountancy. . .

The accounting profession provides a variety of career paths. Individuals who select accounting as their major area can choose to be in public accounting, corporate accounting, or governmental accounting. Public accounting emphasizes the areas of auditing, tax, and advisory services (consulting). Corporate accounting emphasizes the financial management of an organization. Corporate accountants can choose the financial or managerial areas of accounting. Governmental accounting has elements of both public and corporate accounting.

Program Options. . .

The Department of Accountancy offers two undergraduate accounting degree options: the Bachelor of Accountancy (BAcc) and the Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in Managerial Finance and Accounting (BBA, jointly with the Department of Finance). The BAcc degree is directed toward the Certified Public Accountant field and emphasizes preparation for entry level, professional positions in accounting including public, private sector, and government/not-for-profit. The BBA degree is more flexible and emphasizes accounting for careers in corporate finance, consulting, management, entrepreneurship, and small business management

Unique characteristics of UND's Accountancy program. . .

Accounting professors mix teaching, research, and service to provide students with a well rounded education. While not a program requirement, over one-half of accountancy majors participate in an internship. Each year UND places students in accounting internships with public accounting firms, public and private business companies, and governmental units. The interns gain practical accounting experience and a chance to acquaint themselves with the business world.

It's A Fact. . .

- Four accounting classrooms in Gamble Hall have been recently remodeled.
- Fall 2004 the Kulas Koppenhaver Memorial Accounting Learning Center and the Eide Bailly Learning Center were completed. Both are computerized learning centers equipped with a variety of accounting software programs which enable the department to teach its majors more effectively.
- In Fall 2005 the Brady Martz Accounting Learning Center and the Deloitte Accounting Learning Center were completed. These classrooms have the technological equipment to make them state of the art teaching centers.
- In Fall 2008 the outer office of the Accountancy Department was remodeled, thanks to a generous gift from an alumnus.
- All upper division classes are taught by tenured or tenure-track faculty.
- One-half of the majors participate in an internship or Co-op.
- All majors are provided numerous opportunities to visit with professional practicing accountants both in and out of class.
- Faculty have an "open door" policy and encourage students to stop in during the semester.
- The department awards scholarships totaling over \$50,000 annually.
- The average class size for courses in the major is 35.
- There are 12 faculty in the department.
- There are 150 junior and senior Accountancy majors.
- The major was first offered at UND in 1926 as "Commerce".
- Entry level salary is in the \$48,000 range. After entry, salary varies widely from \$60,000 to several million.
- The College of Business and Public Administration is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.
- The University of North Dakota is offering more online courses and degree programs than ever before to provide you with additional flexibility. Please visit www.distance.und.edu for more information or call toll free at 800-342-8230 or 701-777-3044.

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Getting in. . .

Students may be admitted to the College of Business and Public Administration and elect to major in accounting after completing the pre-business core requirements at UND or other accredited institutions. Both a minimum grade point average of 2.5 in all courses attempted and at least a C grade in each of the six courses comprising the sophomore-level pre-business core are required for admission.

Students intending to transfer to UND from a college that is not AACSB International accredited should plan to enroll only in those classes that are offered as freshman and sophomore (100 and 200 level) courses at UND.

In Addition. . .

- All faculty members engage in activities to enhance their classroom.
- All faculty members have an active research and scholarship agenda designed to benefit the accounting discipline and their specific knowledge base. This research is published in nationally recognized journals.
- While UND is not close to a large urban center, the high quality of the graduates in the Accountancy program brings all of the largest international accounting firms (“the Big 4”) to campus to recruit.
- The two accounting student organizations, Beta Alpha Psi and the Accounting Club, hold 10-15 information and social gatherings where successful alumni return to campus to provide majors with insight into careers in accounting.

For more information. . .

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