

General Information continued...

Develop strong communication skills.

Join Beta Alpha Psi, the honorary fraternity for accounting and finance information professionals, to gain knowledge about the accounting profession.

Accounting students should develop their analytical, critical-thinking and problem solving skills. Develop high ethical standards.

Accuracy and attention to detail are important traits for accountants.

Accounting is a versatile degree. Students who graduate with a major in accounting may find jobs in many areas of business including: sales, production management, client management, product development, procurement, general management, banking and financial planning.

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WHAT CAN I DO...



WITH AN ACCOUNTING DEGREE?

AREA – PUBLIC ACCOUNTING

Auditing/Assurance Services
Tax
Environmental Accounting
Forensic/Investigative Accounting
Information Technology Services
International Accounting
Personal Financial Planning

Employers – Large/multinational, Regional, or Local Public accounting firms & sole practitioners

AREA – CORPORATE ACCOUNTING

Financial Management
Financial Reporting
Internal Auditing
Cost Accounting
Tax Planning
Budget Analysis

Employers – Companies of all sizes, in all industries

AREA – GOVERNMENT

Auditing
Financial Reporting
Financial Management
Budget Analysis
Research

Employers – Federal agencies and departments including: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, General Accounting Office, Office of Management and Budget, Securities Exchange Commission, and State and local agencies.

Strategy – Become familiar with the government application process.

AREA – EDUCATION

Teaching
Research
Consulting

Employers – Universities and colleges

Strategy – A Ph.D. in Accounting or a DBA, Doctorate in Business Administration, in accounting is generally required. Maintain a high GPA, and secure strong faculty recommendations for admittance into graduate school.

AREA – NON-PROFIT

Accounting
Internal Audit
Financial Planning
Budgeting
Money Handling
Record Keeping

Employers – Social agencies and organizations, hospitals, public school systems, universities and colleges, religious organizations, libraries and museums, political parties, and labor unions.

Strategy – Volunteer at non-profit organizations and build a network of contacts in the non-profit sector.

General Information: Earn good grades. Grades are an indicator of technical competence in accounting and of a person's work ethic.

Actively participate in student organizations to develop leadership skills.

Develop excellent computer skills.

Learn to work well within a team.

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