

Accountancy

The Field of Accountancy

The Department of Accountancy offers an option in accountancy within the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree program. This option is designed to provide preparation for a career in public, industrial, or governmental accounting. The accounting topics of tax, information systems, managerial, auditing, and financial accounting are also covered in sufficient depth to prepare the student for exams to become a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Management Accountant, or a Certified Internal Auditor.

The Department of Accountancy

The faculty of the Accountancy Department comprises approximately 10 individuals of varied academic and business experience backgrounds. They are specialists in the areas of financial accounting, taxation, cost accounting, auditing, and accounting information systems. Their accumulation of academic preparation and business experience qualifies them to teach both the theoretical and practical applications of accounting.

Careers in Accountancy

Many professional business opportunities are available to accountancy graduates, and this course of study prepares students for challenging and

rewarding careers in all areas of accounting. The accounting profession provides dynamic opportunities to learn interpersonal and problem-solving skills, as well as technical proficiency. California State University, Fresno accountancy alumni hold leadership positions around the world, as partners in public accounting firms, officers in corporations, executives in governmental agencies, and self-employed entrepreneurs. To find out more about career opportunities, consult with the department faculty.

General Preparation

The Craig School of Business prepares students for careers in business, in the professional world, and in teaching. At the undergraduate level it offers a program in business administration leading to the Bachelor of Science degree. The program is designed to provide a knowledge of the principles, procedures, and practices of business management; an understanding of the role and responsibility of business in present-day society; a foundation of basic background materials for participation in the American enterprise system; and a proficiency in the technical skills and information required by our complex society.

The program emphasizes preparing students to be imaginative and responsible

in their future roles as leaders and citizens of business society. Political, social, and ethical considerations for national and international businesses are presented throughout the curriculum. Studies also emphasize the application of computers for systematically managing the data and information essential to business operations. Using computers, students analyze data and solve problems, as well as collect, organize, and distribute information involving virtually all areas of business.

C.P.A. Exam Preparation

Special preparation help is available through the University Business Center (located in the Craig School of Business), which cooperates with the Department of Accountancy to offer a C.P.A. review course. This course is designed to meet the needs of the serious C.P.A. candidate and thoroughly covers all exam areas.

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**B.S. in
Business
Administration**
Option: Accountancy

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High School Preparation

Students should meet California State University's admission requirements in terms of college preparatory requirements, grade point average, and test scores.

College Program

Students should consult a California State University, Fresno *General Catalog* for specific major and university requirements. Community college transfers should consult their catalogs to ensure that courses taken are CSU transferable (baccalaureate level).

General Education

Students should complete as many of the Fresno State General Education requirements as possible during the freshman and sophomore years, whether they are attending Fresno State or a community college. Community colleges can certify up to 39 of the units required in Fresno State's General Education pattern.

Suggested Related Activities

Many Fresno State students participate in internship programs, both in Fresno and other parts of California, for which they receive academic credit while being paid for their services. Students should contact the internship coordinator in the Peters Building, Room 182.

Students are also encouraged to participate in the summer study abroad program. For details, contact International Programs in PB 189, 559.278.4653.

Course Requirements

Since program changes occur, students should consult the *General Catalog* and a Fresno State adviser prior to registering for courses.

Lower Division

Freshman-Sophomore level courses
(may be taken at a community college)

Financial and Managerial Accounting Principles and Systems (ACCT 4A-B)

Business and the Legal Environment (BA 18)
or appropriate 4-unit courses only

Quantitative Analysis (DS 71)

Statistical Analysis I (DS 73)

Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 40) or
Introductory Agricultural Economics
(AGBS 1)

Principles of Macroeconomics (ECON 50)

Computer Competency Exam or IS 52 and 52L

Note: The Craig School of Business requires students to earn a grade of *C* or better for each course used to satisfy the requirements for the major and to have a cumulative GPA of 2.25 *before declaring their option*. In addition, international (foreign) students must have a TOEFL score of at least 500.

Upper Division

Junior-Senior level courses
(to be taken in the Craig School of Business)

Statistical Analysis II (DS 123)

Principles of Finance (FIN 120)

Management Information Systems (IS 130)

Production/Operations Management
(MGT 124)

Administration and Organizational Behavior
(MGT 110)

Marketing Concepts (MKTG 100S)

Business Communication (BA 105W)

Seminar in Strategic Management (MGT 187/
ACCT 187)

The following courses are required of all accountancy majors. Students must consult the university's *General Catalog* for additional requirements and electives.

Intermediate Accounting (ACCT 120 A-B)

Cost Accounting (ACCT 132)

*12 units of approved Accountancy Option
Electives*

**For additional
information, write**

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PLEASE NOTE: This document is for general informational purposes only. The information is subject to change; consult the appropriate department or an academic adviser. Entering freshmen must follow the revised General Education program effective fall 1999 and thereafter. The university catalog and schedule of courses are available online at www.fresnostate.edu/ClassSchedule and www.fresnostate.edu/catalog.

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