Accountancy (School)

The School of Accountancy is dedicated to the discovery, the interpretation and the dissemination of knowledge to students, the profession and colleagues.

Accounting is the process of identifying, measuring, and communicating economic information to permit informed judgments and decisions by users of the information. Such information is required and used by parties, both internal and external to a business, a not-for-profit organization, and other entities.

The curriculum is designed with sufficient flexibility to prepare students for the many career options available to accounting graduates. Among the principal career options are public accounting (Certified Public Accountants), corporate accounting, not for profit accounting and other business consulting or finance flavored careers. Illinois and most other states require 150 hours of college credit to sit for the CPA exam.

The curriculum consists of three segments, each designed for a specific purpose. The first segment, the University Core Curriculum, is designed to provide a solid grounding in the liberal arts and sciences, and promote analytic and imaginative abilities that are essential for a life of inquiry, creativity and informed civic participation. The second segment, the Professional Business Core, is required of all business majors. It provides a broad base of knowledge in accounting, finance, management, marketing, business law, technology, economics, communications and math required for the professional study of accounting. The third segment, the Accounting Core consists of essential accounting material all accounting professionals should master. Students preparing for a career in accounting will have access to separate courses in advanced accounting, accounting for public organizations, auditing, advanced cost, advanced taxation, and enterprise networks and communications. Those students preparing for a career in public accounting should also pursue a fifth year of study and the Master of Accountancy degree. Specialized courses of study in taxation and audit/systems are available.

A major in Accounting requires students to earn a minimum grade of C in each of the courses taken to satisfy the requirements for the Accounting major* (as described below), and students must earn a minimum 2.0 grade point average for those major courses. The School of Accountancy enforces all prerequisites for accounting prefix courses which in some cases include a grade higher than C. All 300- and 400-level accounting courses may be repeated for a grade only once. For Accounting majors and minors, Accounting courses completed more than seven calendar years prior to the current term must repeated.

The Capstone Option for Transfer Students

The Capstone Option is available to students who have earned an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree or have the equivalent and who have a cumulative 2.0/4.0 GPA on all accredited coursework prior to the completion of the AAS, as calculated by SIU. The Capstone Option reduces the University Core Curriculum requirements from 39 to 30 hours, therefore reducing the time to degree completion. See the Capstone Option section for more information on this option. Students who apply for the Capstone Option will work with the College of Business Advisement Office for approval of the Capstone Option and will complete a personal contract for a degree completion plan.
Differential Tuition

The College of Business assesses College of Business majors a differential tuition for declared College of Business majors. The College of Business has a “minor program fee” for other than College of Business majors that is equal to 15% of 15 credit hours of applicable tuition for declared College of Business minors.

Program Objectives for Students

Students graduating with an undergraduate degree in accounting should possess a basic understanding of accounting concepts (financial, taxation, auditing, managerial and accounting information systems) such that they would be able to prepare, analyze and communicate accounting information. Students graduating with an undergraduate degree should also be able to communicate effectively in a business setting both orally and in the written form. Graduates should be able to apply their accounting knowledge to unstructured problems, to work effectively in a team environment and to work effectively in a computer-based environment.

Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting, College of Business

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1 Minimum grade of C required for all classes in major area.
2 120 semester hours are required for graduation. Any additional hours of college level credit can be used to equal minimum 120 semester hours required for degree.
Online Accounting Degree Completion

The School of Accountancy offers an online delivery option for students residing outside the Carbondale community or who have work and/or family commitments that make traditional campus attendance impractical. The same curriculum requirements apply to both residential and online students. Students are generally restricted to taking courses within the delivery option they select at the outset of the program, but may switch to the other delivery option one time before graduation.

Accounting Minor

A minor in Accounting consists of a minimum of 15 semester hours, including ACCT 220, ACCT 230 and nine credit hours in Accounting at the 300-level or above. All prerequisites for these classes must also be satisfied. At least nine of the 15 semester hours must be taken at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. An advisor within the College of Business must be consulted before selecting this field as a minor. A minor from the College of Business requires students to earn a minimum grade of C in each of the courses taken to satisfy the requirements for their minor, and students must earn a minimum 2.0 grade point average for those minor courses.

Undergraduate Certificate in Accounting

The Undergraduate Certificate in Accounting is a 30-credit certificate program for individuals who want intensive study in accounting without fulfilling all of the requirements for a bachelor's degree. The program is ideal for individuals who already have a bachelor's degree in a non-accounting business field but need 30 credits of accounting coursework to take the CPA exam; individuals desiring entry-level accounting positions that do not require a bachelor's degree; and students who are pursuing degrees at other institutions but spend a year at Southern Illinois University under a study abroad or other exchange program. The certificate requires students to complete a minimum of 30 semester hours of credit at Southern Illinois University, with at least 21 of the 30 credits in accounting or other business courses approved by the department as relevant to the study of accounting. (Candidates for the CPA exam must have a minimum of 30 credits in accounting courses.) The certificate is available to both residential and on-line students.

Accounting Courses

ACCT208 - Business Data Analysis 208-3 Business Data Analysis. (Same as FIN 208 and MGMT 208) [IAI Course: BUS 901] Uses of data in policy formulation are discussed. Emphasis is placed on the conversion of raw information into statistics, which are useful to the decision-maker. Problems stress solution to questions typically raised in businesses. Prerequisite: MATH 139.

ACCT210 - Acct Principles & Control 210-3 Accounting Principles and Control. Prevalent accounting principles and practices employed in business organizations. Accumulation of data and usefulness of reports are considered. Tax implications of business studied. Not open to students with a major in the College of Business. No credit given for ACCT 210 if credit is claimed for ACCT 220.

ACCT220 - Accounting I-Financial 220-3 Accounting I-Financial. [IAI course: BUS 903] This course covers the basic concepts, principles and techniques used to generate accounting data and financial statements and to interpret and use the financial data to enhance decision making. Restricted to sophomore standing.

ACCT230 - Accounting II-Managerial 230-3 Accounting II-Managerial. [IAI Course: BUS 904] The use of accounting information for managerial planning, control and decision making through budgeting, cost and variance analyses, and responsibility accounting. Prerequisite: ACCT 220. Restricted to sophomore standing. Accounting majors and minors must pass ACCT 220 with a grade of C or better.
ACCT240 - Accounting Princs & Control II 240-3 Accounting Principles and Control II. Prevalent accounting principles and practices used in planning, control and decision making in business organizations. How to use data to best use organizational data to understand the cost and managerial aspects of an organization. Tax implications of managerial decisions will be studied. Not open to students with a major in the College of Business. No credit is given for ACCT 240 if credit is claimed for ACCT 230.

ACCT321 - Intermediate Accounting I 321-3 Intermediate Accounting I. Current accounting principles and procedures relating to elements of financial reporting. Particular emphasis on current and fixed asset valuation. Prerequisite: MATH 140; ACCT 220 and ACCT 230 with a grade of C or better. Restrictions: College of Business majors or minors, junior standing or higher.

ACCT322 - Intermediate Accounting II 322-3 Intermediate Accounting II. Continuation of the study of accounting principles and procedures with emphasis on liabilities, corporate capital, and income determination. Preparation and use of special statements; analysis and interpretation of statements. Prerequisite: ACCT 321 with grade of C or better and MATH 140. Restrictions: College of Business majors or minors, junior standing or higher.

ACCT331 - Cost Accounting 331-3 Cost Accounting. Interpretation and managerial implications of material, labor, and overhead for job order, process and standard cost systems, cost-volume-profit relationships, direct costing, and budgeting. Accounting for complex process production flows, joint and by-products, spoilage, and scrap. Responsibility accounting and reporting. Prerequisite: ACCT 220 & ACCT 230 with C or better; ACCT/FIN/MGMT 208; MATH 139 and MATH 140. Restrictions: College of Business majors or minors, junior standing or higher.

ACCT341 - Introduction to Taxation 341-3 Introduction to Taxation. Background, principles, and procedures for the determination of taxable income as a basis for federal income tax. Particular attention is given to those aspects, which are at variance with usual accounting treatment in the determination of net income. Includes practice in the methodology of tax solutions. Prerequisite: accounting majors and minors must earn a grade of C or better in both ACCT 220 and ACCT 230. Restrictions: Accounting majors or minors, junior standing or higher.

ACCT360 - Acct Systems Operations 360-3 Accounting Systems Operations. (Same as MGMT 360) Accounting information systems analysis and design. Focusing on internal controls, data modeling, databases, documentation tools and information retrieval to improve business decisions. Prerequisite: C or better in MGMT 345. Restrictions: Accounting majors or minors, junior standing or higher, or consent of the school.

ACCT411 - Enterprise Ntwrks & Commun 411-3 Enterprise Networks and Communication. (Same as MGMT 411) Application of data communications and network technologies for improving business. Coverage includes, but is not limited to: introduction to the principles of data transmission technology, various communication architectures and protocols, basic network design principles, internet and intranet technologies, data security issues and elements of network management. Prerequisite: C or better in MGMT 345.

ACCT414 - Business Ethics 414-3 Business Ethics. Examines the philosophical, sociological and legal dimensions of contemporary ethical issues facing the business world today. Stress is on stakeholder analysis and appropriate policy decisions for multinational corporations. Course content centers on actual business cases and hypothetical ethical dilemmas.

ACCT421 - Advanced Accounting 421-3 Advanced Accounting. Accounting principles and procedures relating to specialized topics in financial accounting and business combinations, resulting in consolidated financial statements, and financial accounting for partnerships. Prerequisite: a grade of C or better in ACCT 322. Restrictions: Accounting majors or minors, junior standing or higher.

ACCT431 - Advanced Cost Accounting 431-3 Advanced Cost Accounting. Managerial decision making; profit planning and control through relevant costing, return on investment and transfer pricing, determination of cost behavior patterns, analysis of variances, capital budgeting, inventory models, probabilities, statistical methods, and operations research. Prerequisite: ACCT 331 with grade of C or better. Restrictions: Accounting majors or minors, junior standing or higher.
ACCT441 - Advanced Tax 441-3 Advanced Tax. Study of income tax problems which arise from sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, estate, and trust. Student does research in source materials in arriving at solutions of complicated problems. Prerequisite: ACCT 341 with grade of C or better. Restrictions: Accounting majors or minors; junior standing or higher.

ACCT460 - Auditing 460-3 Auditing. Provides an overview of processes for planning and executing a risk-based audit; explains the procedures auditors use to evaluate internal controls; describes the tests auditors conduct to substantiate financial statement accounts. Prerequisite: a grade of C or better in ACCT 322. Restrictions: Accounting majors, minors, junior standing.

ACCT465 - Internal Auditing 465-3 Internal Auditing. The course covers internal audit from a broad perspective to include information technology, business processes, and accounting systems. Topics include internal auditing standards, risk assessment, governance, ethics, audit technique, and emerging issues. It covers the design of business processes and the implementation of key control concepts and will use a case study approach that addresses tactical, strategic, systems, and operational areas. Restrictions: Accounting majors or minors.

ACCT468 - Forensic Accounting 468-3 Forensic Accounting. Coverage of forensic accounting processes and tools used in the detection and prevention of fraud against the company. Topics include skimming, cash larceny, check tampering, billing schemes and others. The course will include the use of computer aids in forensic investigation. Restrictions: Accounting majors and minors.

ACCT471 - Govt & Non Profit Accounting 471-3 Governmental and Not for Profit Accounting. Financial and managerial accounting concepts peculiar to the planning and administration of public and quasi-public organizations, such as governmental units, institutions, and charitable organizations. Also includes the study of governmental auditing standards. Not for graduate credit. Prerequisite: ACCT 321 with a grade of C or better. Restrictions: Accounting majors or minors.

ACCT491 - Independent Study in Acct 491-1 to 6 Independent Study in Accountancy. Independent study of specialized aspects of accountancy not available through regularly scheduled courses. Not for graduate credit. Prerequisite: a grade of C or better in each of ACCT 322, ACCT 331, and ACCT 341. Restrictions: Accounting majors or minors.

ACCT495 - Internship 495-3 Internship. Supervised work experience in professional accounting. Mandatory Pass/Fail only. Not for graduate credit. Only three semester hours may be applied toward the Accounting major and to the requirements to qualify for the C.P.A. examination. Additional credit hours may only satisfy the 300-400 College of Business prefix elective or general elective requirements. Restrictions: Accounting majors or minors, outstanding record in accounting. Special approval needed from the department.

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