

# WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

*World Class. Face to Face.*  
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

## Program Overview

The Department of Accounting at Washington State University offers students opportunities to major in accounting or accounting information systems, earn a master of accounting degree, or earn a doctorate with a concentration in accounting. Students are instructed by nationally recognized professors who are dedicated to teaching and whose research is published in top-tier academic journals and professional publications. Students in accounting at WSU receive the highest quality preparation to enter a dynamic, prestigious, and growing profession with unlimited potential.

## Distinctions

- The College of Business is **ranked 11th** among business programs at public universities in the western United States (*US News and World Report*, 2007).
- The College of Business is **among 2 percent of business schools worldwide** to achieve AACSB accreditation at the bachelor, master, and doctoral levels (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business).
- The WSU accounting program is **one of only 165 programs worldwide** with separate AACSB accounting accreditation (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business).
- The WSU Department of Accounting is **one of only three programs in the Northwest** to offer the bachelor, master, and doctorate degrees in accounting.
- The CB's nationally recognized International Business program sponsors faculty-led global learning in China, Greece, Italy, Korea, Norway, Switzerland, and Thailand, and **sends more students abroad** than any other college at WSU.



## Faculty

Faculty in the Department of Accounting contribute to the success of their students by investing their knowledge, expertise, and experience. Many of the accounting professors have over twenty years of university teaching experience. Collectively, the faculty in the Department of Accounting bring to the classroom a diversity of professional backgrounds and academic expertise.

## Careers in Accounting

An undergraduate degree with a major in accounting prepares students for a successful career in the public, corporate, nonprofit, and government sectors. Accounting graduates can become certified public accountants (CPAs), chief financial officers, company controllers, auditors, tax specialists, consultants, budget and finance experts, agents with the FBI and IRS, and general managers.

AIS graduates can work as accountants, consultants, and auditors. They can specialize and become experts in computer auditing and controls, accounting information systems, e-commerce, security, and information systems consulting. Career positions can be found in financial institutions, high tech and start-up companies, manufacturing, agribusiness, communication, government, and health care organizations.

Graduates can boost their opportunities by attaining professional certification as a CPA (certified public accountant), CMA (certified management accounting), and CIA (certified internal auditor).

Graduates have accepted jobs at large organizations such as Deloitte and Touche, Ernst and Young, KPMG, Moss Adams, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Protiviti.



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Without exception, graduates whose educational experience includes exposure to practical instruction with a global perspective compete well in the corporate world. WSU accounting graduates gain an edge because they experience real-world problems and interface with experienced faculty, seasoned alumni, and mentors who are dedicated to helping them make an impact as they build their careers."

## Internships

Many internship experiences exist for accounting and accounting information students. Internship opportunities are available in the “Big Four” international accounting firms, national and regional accounting firms, Fortune 500 corporations, international consulting firms, and government agencies.

## Required Courses

After taking 60 credit hours, completing 10 specified courses (EconS 101 and 102, Engl 101, Acct 230 and 231, B Law 210, MgtOp 215, Math 201 and 202, and MIS 250), and earning a 2.5 GPA, students can apply to certify into a specific major within business, such as accounting. Certification is required for enrollment in all 300- and 400-level business courses. Summer courses transferred from a community college will not meet the deadline for fall certification. All business majors must complete the Global Learning Requirement.

Students should consult the *General Catalog* for course planning and must meet course requirements, as outlined in the *General Catalog*, in order to graduate. Requirements are subject to change.

In addition to WSU general education requirements and the College of Business graduation requirements, accounting students must complete the program requirements of the degree.

Accounting, Accounting  
Information Systems, MIS,  
and CB Honors Advisor



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## REQUIRED ACCOUNTING COURSES

Acctg 330—Intermediate Accounting I  
Acctg 331—Intermediate Accounting II  
Acctg 335—Introduction to Taxation  
Acctg 338—Cost Accounting  
Acctg 433[M]—Accounting Systems and Auditing  
Acctg 438[M]—Advanced Cost Accounting and Management\*  
OR Acctg 439[M]—Auditing\*

### Three of Group A

Acctg 420—Accounting and Culture  
Acctg 430—Advanced Accounting  
Acctg 434—Accounting for Public Organizations  
Acctg 435—Individual Income Taxes  
Acctg 438[M]—Advanced Cost Accounting and Management\*  
OR Acctg 439[M]—Auditing\*  
Acctg 443—Business Processes and Controls  
B Law 487—Business Ethics  
Econ 305—Theory of the Firm and Market Policy

\* May not be used to fulfill both a required course and Group A.

## REQUIRED ACCOUNTING AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS COURSES

Acctg 330—Intermediate Accounting I  
Acctg 331—Intermediate Accounting II  
Acctg 335—Introduction to Taxation  
Acctg 338—Cost Accounting  
Acctg 433[M]—Accounting Systems and Auditing  
Acctg 438[M]—Advanced Cost Accounting and Management  
OR Acctg 439[M]—Auditing  
MIS 171—Web Technologies and Innovation  
MIS 322[M]—Systems Analysis and Design  
MIS 372[M]—Data Management

### Two of Group A

EconS 305[M]—Theory of the Firm and Market Policy  
MIS 271—Intermediate Business Programming  
MIS 325—Enterprise Business Programming  
MIS 374—Information Technology Infrastructure  
MIS 375—Global E-Commerce  
MIS 420—Business Intelligence  
OR MIS 448—Global IS Project Management

