

# ACCOUNTING

The Department of Accounting offers a full program of accounting courses that will prepare you for entrance into the fields of public, private, or government accounting. If you successfully complete the curriculum, you should be prepared to take the Certified Public Accounting (CPA) and/or Certified Management Accounting (CMA) examinations.

## Career Opportunities

Graduates of the accounting program understand accounting concepts and theory as well as business administration. They have the education necessary to excel in the accounting field.

Graduates of the department have served internships and/or begun their careers with companies that include the following:

### National/International Firms

BDO  
CliftonLarsenAllen  
Deloitte & Touche  
Ernst & Young  
Grant Thornton  
KPMG  
McGladrey  
PricewaterhouseCoopers  
WeiserMazars

### Regional Firms

BBD  
Elko & Associates  
Kreischer Miller  
Mallie, Falconiero & Company  
ParenteBeard

### Local Firms and Companies

Croft, Drozd & Company  
Defense Contract Audit Agency  
Enterprise  
The Fairman Group  
Fenstermacher & Company  
Fesnak & Associates  
Fischer Cunnane  
GMS & Surgent  
Hanna McGlone

Marcum  
McBride Shopa  
SEI Investments  
Torillo & Associates  
Viro Pharma

## Internship and Co-operative Education Opportunities

The department has an active internship program that allows you to earn up to 12 college credits for part-time or full-time employment with area businesses. Six of these credits can be applied towards the 120-hour accounting degree and the remainder can be applied towards the educational requirements to become a Certified Public Accountant (see Additional Requirement below).

## Undergraduate Degree

**Bachelor of Science in Accounting**. Students can earn this degree through day or evening classes, upon the completion of 120 credit hours.

## Additional Requirement

Although 120 hours are needed to earn a B.S. in accounting, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania licensing board requires the completion of 150 credit hours to become a Certified Public Accountant, which is similar to most state licensing boards. The additional 30 credit hours can be taken at the undergraduate or graduate level. The department offers advising guides for students who wish to complete 120 hours in four years or 150 hours in five years, which is recommended. (However, the 150-hour program can be completed in four years.) The 150-hour guide includes an option to obtain a dual major in accounting and finance.

## Required Accounting Courses

Accounting Information Systems  
Advanced Accounting  
Auditing  
Cost Accounting  
Federal Taxation I and II  
Financial Accounting  
Intermediate Accounting I, II, and III

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# UNDERGRADUATE FACT SHEET

Managerial Accounting

Not-for-Profit and Governmental Accounting

## Minor

A minor in accounting is available. For more information visit the website below.

## Related Student Activities

Accounting Society

Beta Alpha Psi (honors accounting fraternity)

Institute of Management Accountants (IMA)

Information System Audit & Control Association (ISACA)

National Association of Black Accountants (NABA)

## Advanced Degree

Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)

## Faculty

Students can obtain a complete listing of faculty and their academic qualifications for this program from the contact person listed below.

## For More Information

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## About West Chester University

A comprehensive, public institution, West Chester University offers high-quality undergraduate and graduate degree programs in more than 100 subject areas, as well as certification and certificate programs. As one of the largest members of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, West Chester offers a full and rewarding educational experience as well as reasonable tuition.

With a rich heritage dating back to the 19th century, West Chester University was founded in 1871 as West Chester Normal School for the purpose of training teachers for the Commonwealth's newly established public schools. In 1960, West Chester State Teachers College expanded its programs to include liberal arts and graduate degrees and, as a result, dropped "Teachers" from its name. In 1983, West Chester State College became one of the 14 institutions in the State System of Higher Education. Along with its university status, the school acquired a new system of governance and the opportunity to expand its degree programs.

Today, more than 15,400 graduate and undergraduate students, along with 1,500 faculty and staff, study and work on the 406-acre campus. Situated in the Borough of West Chester, the campus is a picturesque mix of Gothic, Victorian, and modern architecture with pleasant, tree-shaded walks.

Strategically located at the center of the mid-Atlantic corridor between New York City and Washington, D.C., West Chester is just 25 miles west of Philadelphia and 17 miles north of Wilmington.

## Information on Admission

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