



ACCOUNTING

Program Objectives

The accounting major (22 credits) has a strong regional reputation for providing students with the quality accounting and business skills necessary for success in the accounting profession. Many of our students are employed in tax and accounting internships, obtaining valuable practical experience while completing their degree.

The accounting major offers students the coursework necessary to meet the rapidly changing business environment, in which accountants play a significant and critical role. Students learn accounting concepts and practical applications necessary to work in the profession. The program fosters the development of critical thinking and professional skills crucial for career success.

The major also prepares students for graduate studies in accounting and business such as our MBA with an accounting concentration. The undergraduate accounting major along with the MBA accounting concentration provides students with the depth and breadth of education needed to help pass the CPA exam and meet the 150 credit hour education required by Maine and most states for licensure as a CPA.

Degrees & Concentrations Offered

Graduation Planner: usm.maine.edu/advising/degreeplanning

Degree Offered: Bachelor of Science

Major Offered: Accounting

Minor Offered: Accounting

Certificate Program Offered: Accounting

School of Business

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usm.maine.edu/sb/bs-business-administration-accounting-major

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Career Possibilities*

Accountants
Auditors
Bill & Account Collectors
Billing, Cost & Rate Clerks
Billing & Posting Clerks
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks
Budget Analysts
Business Teachers, Postsecondary
Chief Executives
Credit Authorizers
Financial Managers
First-Line Supervisors (Non-Retail Sales)
First-Line Supervisors (Office & Administrative Support)
New Accounts Clerk
Office Clerks
Payroll & Timekeeping Clerk
Statement Clerk
Tax Examiners and Collectors

* Additional education, training or experience may be required.

Acquired Transferable Skills

Active Learning
Active Listening
Complex Problem Solving
Critical Thinking
Judgment and Decision Making
Mathematics
Reading Comprehension
Speaking
Time Management
Writing

For more information on transferable skills go to: usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/career-tools

What can I do with this major?*

AREA	EMPLOYERS	INFORMATION/STRATEGIES
Public Accounting	Public accounting firms: Large, multinational Regional Local Sole practitioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public accounting firms hire candidates who meet the educational requirements for sitting for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam: 150 hours of education including 24 hours of accounting, i.e. the equivalent of an undergraduate degree in accounting.
Corporate Accounting	Companies of all sizes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many managers in corporate settings obtain an MBA degree after several years of work experience.
Government	Federal agencies and departments including: Federal Bureau of Investigation Internal Revenue Service Department of the Treasury General Accounting Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete an internship in a government agency. Become familiar with the government application process. Become familiar with the government application process. Accounting is a “hot area” in government hiring and many opportunities exist in the public sector.
Education	Universities and colleges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
Non-Profit	Social Service agencies Hospitals Public school systems Universities and colleges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer at non-profit organizations and build a network of contacts in the non-profit sector.

*To learn about these areas and much more visit: whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major • © 2011 What Can I Do With This Major

Enrichment Opportunities

Internships

USM's [School of Business Internship Program](#) allows students the opportunity to apply classroom learning in area businesses for academic credit.
<https://usm.maine.edu/cecd>

Study Abroad

For more information contact the USM Office of International Programs.
usm.maine.edu/international/study-abroad

Clubs & Organizations

Accounting Club, Accounting & Finance Society, [Management Achievement Program](#), Students in Free Enterprise For a complete list of student organizations:
webapp.usm.maine.edu/pathways/list

USM Corporate Partners

The USM Corporate Partners are over 350 business people, from nearly 100 companies. usm.maine.edu/corporatepartners

Helpful Career Links

USMCareerConnections:

USM's career network for job and internship searches. usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/usmcareerconnections

O*NET OnLine:

Learn more about a career opportunity by researching it with O*NET. onetonline.org

Occupational Outlook Handbook:

Learn more about a career opportunity by researching it with OOH. bls.gov/oooh

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS To name a few...

[American Institute of CPAs](#)

[Institute of Management Accountants](#)

[The Institute of Internal Auditors](#)



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