ACCOUNTING BS AND MINOR

Accounting

College of Business
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The accounting major is a professional program designed to prepare the student for work in one or more of these areas: public, industrial, or governmental/not-for-profit accounting.

Academic Map/Degree Plan at www.mnsu.edu/programs/#All

Accreditation. The Accounting program is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)

POlicIES/INFORMATION

Admission to a Major in the College of Business. Admission to a major in the College of Business typically occurs at the beginning of the student’s junior year. The student may choose to pursue a degree in one or more of the following COB majors: Accounting, Finance, International Business, Management, or Marketing. Multiple criteria will be considered for admission to a major in the College of Business. Admission is competitive; meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. Deadlines for application are: October 1 for Spring Semester and March 1 for Fall Semester.

Criteria Considered for Admission to the Accounting Major in the College of Business

1. Cumulative (Including Transfer) Grade Point Average: minimum 2.7
2. Credits and Courses: 33 completed credits of the 44 general education requirements
3. Completion of the following courses: IT 101, MATH 130, ACCT 200, ACCT 210, BLAW 200, MGMT 200, BUS 295, ECON 201, ECON 202, ECON 207. Complete one of the following courses PHIL 120W, PHIL 205W, PHIL 222W, PHIL 224W, PHIL 226W, PHIL 240W

Academic Advising. Students will initially receive their advising from the professional advisors in the College of Business Student Center. When a student applies to the College of Business (which is done during BUS 295), he/she will be assigned a faculty advisor in the major area of study. Questions regarding the assignment of advisors can be answered in the College of Business Advising Center, 151 Morris Hall, 389-2963.

College of Business Policies. Students who are business minors, non-business majors or those who are not seeking a four-year degree may take up to 24 credits in the College of Business.

Students must be admitted to a major to take upper division (300/400) courses in the College of Business.

Residency. Transfer students must complete a minimum of 30 resident credits at the upper division (300-400) level in the College of Business at Minnesota State Mankato.

Transfer students pursing a major or minor in the College of Business must complete at least 50% (one-half) of their major or minor coursework at Minnesota State Mankato.

GPA Policy. Students must earn a minimum grade point average of 2.0 (“C”) on the total courses taken in the College of Business and a 2.25 overall GPA to meet graduation requirements.

To begin taking 300 level courses for the Accounting minor, students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher.

Accounting majors or minors must earn a grade of “C” or better in required accounting and business law classes.

P/N Grading Policy. No more than one-fourth of a student’s major shall consist of P/N grades.

Assessment Policy. The College of Business believes that the ongoing assessment of its programs makes a vital contribution to the quality of those programs and to student learning. Student participation is an important and expected part of the assessment process.

Internships. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in one or more internship programs related to their field of study before graduation. Qualifying internships may receive academic credit counting towards a student’s major, but are not required to be taken for credit. To receive academic credit, students must be registered during the semester the internship takes place. Registration instructions and other business internship resources can be found at: http://cob.mnsu.edu/internship/

Student Organizations. Students are encouraged to participate in the Accounting Club. The club is designed to bring students together for both professional and social purposes. Professional activities provide members with a greater understanding of the accounting profession. These activities include speakers and tours, along with social activities.

The Council of Student Business Organizations (COSBO) which is comprised of the presidents of the organizations and the college representative of the Student Senate, works directly with the Dean’s office in the coordination of activities of the various organizations and sponsors activities of their own.

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Degree completion = 120 credits

Required General Education
ECON 201 Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
ECON 202 Principles of Microeconomics (3)
MATH 130 Finite Mathematics and Introductory Calculus (4)
Choose 3 credits from the following:
PHIL 120W Introduction to Ethics (3)
PHIL 205W Culture, Identity, and Diversity (3)
PHIL 222W Medical Ethics (3)
PHIL 224W Business Ethics (3)
PHIL 226W Environmental Ethics (3)
PHIL 240W Law, Justice & Society (3)

Prerequisites to the Major
ACCT 200 Financial Accounting (3)
ACCT 210 Managerial Accounting (3)
BLAW 200 Legal, Political, and Regulatory Environment of Business (3)
BUS 295 Professional Preparation for Business Careers (2)
ECON 207 Business Statistics (4)
IT 101 Introduction to Information Systems (3)
MGMT 200 Introduction to MIS (3)

Major Common Core
FINA 362 Business Finance (3)
IBUS 380 Principles of International Business (3)
MGMT 330 Principles of Management (3)
MGMT 346 Production & Operations Management (3)
MGMT 481 Business Policy & Strategy (3)
MRKT 310 Principles of Marketing (3)

Required for all Accounting Majors (“C” or better required)
ACCT 220 Accounting Cycle Applications (1)
ACCT 300 Intermediate Financial Accounting I (3)
ACCT 301 Intermediate Financial Accounting II (3)
ACCT 310 Management Accounting I (3)
ACCT 320 Accounting Information Systems (3)
ACCT 330 Individual Income Tax (3)
ACCT 400 Advanced Financial Accounting (3)
ACCT 410 Business Income Tax (3)
ACCT 421 Assurance Services I (3)
BLAW 450 Contracts, Sales, and Professional Responsibility (3)

Major Unrestricted Electives
Optional Applied Experience
Choose 0 - 3 Credit(s).

Required Minor: None

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Minor Common Core
ACCT 200 Financial Accounting (3)
ACCT 210 Managerial Accounting (3)
ACCT 300 Intermediate Financial Accounting I (3)
ACCT 310 Management Accounting I (3)

Minor Required Electives (choose 9 credits from the following) choose 9 credits from the following)
ACCT 301 Intermediate Financial Accounting II (3)
ACCT 311 Management Accounting II (3)
ACCT 320 Accounting Information Systems (3)
ACCT 330 Individual Income Tax (3)
### COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

**BUS 100 (3) Introduction to Business and Business Careers**
This course prepares students for success by exposing them to the requirements, expectations, resources, and opportunities of the COB. Students will have business experiences and will develop professional skills.

**BUS 295 (2) Professional Preparation for Business Careers**
This course is designed for students who intend to graduate with a business major. The purpose of the course is to provide students with an overview of COB majors, allowing students to create an academic plan for graduation, and develop professional skills needed for future job placement. Topics include cover letter and resume writing, interview skills, the process of networking, the internship program, etiquette skills, and requirements for graduation.

**ACCt 200 (3) Financial Accounting**
This course is required for admission to the College of Business for all business majors. The purpose of the course is to provide students with an overview of COB majors, allow students to create an academic plan for graduation, and develop professional skills needed for future job placement. Topics include cover letter and resume writing, interview skills, the process of networking, the internship program, etiquette skills, and requirements for graduation.

**ACCt 210 (3) Managerial Accounting**
Preparation and analysis of cost-based management reports: use of cost information to make short-term operating decisions and long-term capital decisions.

**ACCt 300 (3) Intermediate Financial Accounting I**
An in-depth analysis of financial accounting concepts and procedures, and includes coverage of the income statement, balance sheet, time value of money, receivables, and inventories.

**ACCt 301 (3) Intermediate Financial Accounting II**

**ACCt 310 (3) Management Accounting I**
Emphasizes product and service costing, including job order and process costing systems. Other related topics are budgeting, pricing, cost-volume-profit analysis, standards, and variance analysis.

**ACCt 311 (3) Management Accounting II**
Contemporary managerial accounting and control systems including activity-based costing, strategic cost management, life cycle costing, Just-In-Time, inventory management, quality control, responsibility accounting. Other managerial issues include cost allocation, decentralization, performance, and productivity evaluation, theory of constraints, transfer pricing, capital budgeting, and international issues in cost management.

**ACCt 312 (3) Management Accounting III**
Preparation and analysis of cost-based management reports: use of cost information to make short-term operating decisions and long-term capital decisions.

**ACCt 313 (3) Management Accounting IV**
Contemporary managerial accounting and control systems including activity-based costing, strategic cost management, life cycle costing, Just-In-Time, inventory management, quality control, responsibility accounting. Other managerial issues include cost allocation, decentralization, performance, and productivity evaluation, theory of constraints, transfer pricing, capital budgeting, and international issues in cost management.

**ACCt 398 (0) Co-operative Experience**
Prerequisite: ACCT 200, ACCT 210

**BUS 397 (3) IBE Practicum**
BUS 397 is an applied course that entails developing, launching, managing, and closing a business with the cohort of students enrolled in the class. Students write and present a business plan as they seek financing for their startup company. The business startup experience creates a real-world context in which students can practice the concepts introduced in MGMT 330, MKRT 310, and FINA 362. BUS 397 is part of the United Prairie Bank Integrated Business Experience, and students must enroll concurrently in BUS 397 and sections of FINA 362, MGMT 330, and MKRT 310 that are designated for IBE students.

**ACCt 400 (3) Advanced Financial Accounting**
Preparation and analysis of cost-based management reports: use of cost information to make short-term operating decisions and long-term capital decisions.

**ACCt 410 (3) Business Income Tax**
The course examines the principles and procedures relating to the determination and computation of federal income taxes for various business entities including sole proprietorships, corporations, partnerships and tax-exempt entities. The course also covers tax research procedures.

**ACCt 421 (3) Assurance Services I**
An overview of the external audit process, the issues facing the auditing profession today, and assurance services. Includes detailed coverage of the AICPA Code of Conduct, audit planning, substantive testing, auditors' responsibilities for detecting fraud, and audit reports.

**ACCt 424 (3) Assurance Services II**
Designed for students interested in financial statement auditing. Topics include substantive audit testing, auditing governmental/not-for-profit entities, accounting and review services, and other advanced auditing topics.

**ACCt 470 (3) Advanced Topics in Accounting**
This course will utilize case analysis to examine current issues in accounting and business. Cases will involve an integration of management accounting, accounting information systems, financial accounting, tax, and auditing issues.

**ACCt 497 (1-6) Internship**
Supervised experience in public, industrial, or governmental accounting. Students must meet standards established by the employer and the Department of Accounting.

**ACCt 499 (1-4) Individual Study of Accounting**
Variable

**ACCT 320 (3) Accounting Information Systems**
A discussion of various accounting information systems. Topics include documentation, internal control, system design, knowledge structures, database design, software evaluation, systems applications and current developments.

**ACCT 330 (3) Individual Income Tax**
The course examines the principles and procedures relating to the determination and computation of federal income taxes for an individual. Federal estate tax, gift tax, and income taxation of estates and trusts are also examined.

**ACCT 398 (0) CPT: Co-Operative Experience**
Curricular Practical Training: Co-Operative Experience is a zero-credit full-time practical training experience for one summer and on adjacent fall or spring term. Special rules apply to preserve full-time student status. Please contact an advisor in your program for complete information.

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