Major in Accounting

Building on a strong liberal arts foundation, Georgia College’s undergraduate accounting program provides an intensive study of accounting theory and technical knowledge, while emphasizing the communication, interpersonal and critical thinking skills necessary for success as an accounting professional.

Accounting majors learn how to create, maintain and audit a detailed and accurate system that displays the finances of a business or organization. They study the theory behind accounting and learn how to analyze the financial position of a firm or organization. Future employers highly value skills like organization, attention to detail, good time management, leadership and communication, which accounting majors may develop over the course of their degree program.

Next Steps

Georgia College accounting majors who meet entrance requirements for the Master of Accountancy may commence graduate classes during the senior year of their undergraduate program. This provides a seamless option for you to transition into graduate school.

The Master of Accountancy (MAcc) emphasizes graduate-level accounting topics and business skills in areas identified by the profession as critical for success in a challenging and dynamic business environment.

The 30-semester credit-hour program provides you with the opportunity to satisfy the education requirements for licensure as a Certified Public accountant (CPA). Additionally, the required CPA Exam Review course allows you to earn course credit while preparing for success on the exam. The MAcc is open to graduates from all majors. If your undergraduate degree is in something other than accounting, we will work with you to develop a course of study tailored to your needs. This will normally include up to 36 semester credit hours of foundation courses followed by 30 hours of graduate courses.

Develop Skills

critical thinking analysis
software problem-solving financial preparation spreadsheets
developing expertise accounting practices
software monitoring compliance
writing decision-making
data collection critical thinking communication
Excel
problem-solving organization
software systems analysis
organizational skills software
database reporting
data analysis
math data analysis

time management financial prep
business acumen clerical knowledge quantitative reasoning

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Accounting Employment Tracks

**Public Accounting**
Public accounting firms are hired by businesses as independent experts to audit financial statements to verify the appropriate accounting principles have been followed. Public accountants also prepare tax returns for clients and offer advice on a wide variety of financial, investment, and operating issues. Public accountants serve multiple clients and have exposure to a wide variety of businesses.

**Industry Accounting**
Industry or corporate accountants are employed by a single firm. Businesses of every size need accountants. These accountants perform functions at all levels from analyzing and recording individual transactions, to preparing financial statements and tax turns, to overseeing company-wide budget and finance activities. These accountants become extremely knowledgeable about their own firms.

**Governmental Accounting**
Governmental accountants are employed at all levels of government to analyze and record transactions, prepare and review budgets, and safeguard the assets of government units. These accountants specialize in the unique governmental accounting procedures.

Explore and Engage with Accounting

- Attend annual Welcome Back Accounting Department event
- Attend Beta Alpha Psi function or event
- Meet with a faculty member
- Meet with a career advisor to discuss your plan
- Attend the accounting-specific career fair
- Complete an internship
- Talk to your academic advisor
- Connect with ‘Georgia College - Accounting’ group on LinkedIn

Recent employers at GC for Accounting majors

- Frazier & Deeter, LLC
- Grant Thornton

Median Starting Salary for Accounting majors

$55,000*

*based on GC First Destination Surveys, 2019 - 2022