Accounting

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

Admission to Major typically occurs at the beginning of the student’s junior year. A student must be admitted to the program for permission to register for 300-400 level courses.

1. GPA of 2.5 for unconditional admission.
2. Completion of 33 credits of general education requirements.
3. Demonstrated microcomputer competency by successfully completing COMS 101, Introduction to Microcomputers, or equivalent.
4. Completion of ACCT 200, 210; ECON 201, 202, 207; MGMT 200; MATH 112; BLAW 200; Second Year Experience 201.
5. Completion of the Math and English competencies.
6. Completion of 60 credits (or in progress).

ACCT 200 Financial Accounting (3)
ACCT 210 Managerial Accounting (3)
BLAW 200 Legal, Political and Regulatory Environment of Business (3)
ECON 202 Principles of Microeconomics (3)
ECON 207 Business Statistics (4)
BED 345 Business Communications (3)
COMS 101 Introduction to Microcomputers (3)
MGMT 200 Introduction to MIS (3)

Required Electives (9 credits):
Choose three of the following:
ACCT 301 Intermediate Financial Accounting II (3)
ACCT 302 Intermediate Financial Accounting III (3)
ACCT 310 Management Accounting I (3)
ACCT 311 Management Accounting II (3)
ACCT 320 Accounting Information Systems (3)
ACCT 340 Auditing (3)
ACCT 400 Advanced Financial Accounting (3)
ACCT 410 Business Income Tax (3)
ACCT 411 Individual Income Tax (3)
ACCT 420 Auditing (3)
ACCT 421 External Auditing (3)
ACCT 422 Internal Auditing (3)
ACCT 470 Advanced Topics (3)
BLAW 455 Legal Aspects of Banking and Finance (3)

Required Minor: None.

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Required for Minor (Core, 12 credits):
ACCT 200 Financial Accounting (3)
ACCT 210 Managerial Accounting (3)
ACCT 300 Intermediate Financial Acct. I (3)
ACCT 310 Management Accounting I (3)

Required Electives (9 credits):
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ACCT 301 Intermediate Financial Accounting II (3)
ACCT 302 Intermediate Financial Accounting III (3)
ACCT 310 Management Accounting I (3)
ACCT 311 Management Accounting II (3)
ACCT 320 Accounting Information Systems (3)
ACCT 400 Advanced Financial Accounting (3)
ACCT 410 Business Income Tax (3)
ACCT 411 Individual Income Tax (3)
ACCT 420 Auditing (3)
ACCT 421 External Auditing (3)
ACCT 422 Internal Auditing (3)
ACCT 470 Advanced Topics (3)
BLAW 455 Legal Aspects of Banking and Finance (3)

POLICIES/INFORMATION

Students have an advisor from their area of interest assigned to them. Questions and concerns pertaining to advising and the assignment of advisors can be answered by Larry Herke, student relations coordinator, 151 Morris Hall, telephone 507-389-2963.

College of Business majors must complete a minimum of 64 credits outside the College of Business.

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Students who are business minors, non-business majors, or those who are not seeking a four year degree may not complete more than 30 credits in the College of Business.
Transfer students must complete a minimum of 30 resident credits at the upper division (300-400) in the College of Business.

**Residency:** Transfer students pursuing a minor in the College of Business must complete 50% (one half) of their minor coursework through Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Students with an Accounting major or minor are required to lease a notebook computer from Minnesota State University, Mankato. Students who are majoring in other colleges but are required to take ACCT 200 and ACCT 210 will be able to enroll in non-notebook classes offered once per year for non-majors/minors. For further information see the College of Business section at the front of this bulletin.

**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 nine 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.

**Internships.** Students are encouraged to participate in business and industrial organizations through intern programs. Internships are available during the junior or senior years. Students interested in internships should interview early with the internship coordinator for enrollment in this program.

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

**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.

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**Course Descriptions**

110 (3) **Accounting for Non-Business Majors**

Taught from a user approach, this course examines the role of accounting in interpreting financial data and the use of cost information in decision making.

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200 (3) **Financial Accounting**


Pre: COMS 101 (MIS majors take COMS 102) F, S

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.

Pre: ACCT 200 F, S

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.

Pre: ACCT 210 F, S

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

A continuation of Accounting 300, with emphasis on accounting for assets, liabilities and owner’s equity.

Pre: ACCT 300 F, S

302 (3) **Intermediate Financial Accounting III**

A continuation of Accounting 301. Topics covered include:

among others, leases, pensions, deferred taxes, cash flow and accounting for governmental/not for profit organizations.

310 (3) **Management Accounting I**

Beginning with introduction of cost concepts, cost behavior and relevant costs for tactical decision making, this course 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.

Pre: ACCT 210 F, S

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.
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.
Pre: ACCT 300 F, S

400 (3) Advanced Financial Accounting
A study of accounting principles and concepts for mergers, acquisitions, consolidated statements, foreign currency translation, and partnerships.
Pre: ACCT 301 F, S

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, C corporations, S corporations, partnerships and tax-exempt entities. The course also covers tax research procedures.
Pre: ACCT 200 F, S

411 (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. The course does not require any accounting or business background.
F, S

420 (3) Auditing
This course provides a basic introduction to financial statement (external) auditing, internal auditing, and governmental auditing. Topics include an overview of the external audit process, current audit issues, auditing standards, ethical standards, auditors’ legal liability, external audit reports, other common reports prepared by auditors, and operational auditing.
Pre: ACCT 320 or concurrent registration F, S

421 (3) External Auditing
This course is designed for student planning to take the CPA exam and/or pursue an auditing career in public accounting. Topics include statistical sampling methods, compliance testing, and detailed substantive audit procedures for all transaction cycles.
Pre: ACCT 420 V

422 (3) Internal Auditing
This course is primarily for students interested in careers in internal audit, management accounting, or governmental accounting. Topics include internal control structure reviews, operational audits addressing effectiveness and efficiency of business operations, internal audit reports, human relations issues in internal auditing, sampling, statistical methods, computer system audits, and fraud audits.
Pre: ACCT 420 V

470 (3) Advanced Topics
The emphasis is on the underlying accounting theory. It also includes an introduction to the Securities and Exchange Commission and a study of the Financial Accounting Standards Board’s official pronouncements.
Pre: ACCT 301 V

477 (3) International Accounting
A study of accounting principles in various countries. Topics include exchange rates, subleasing, reporting, managerial aspects and problems dealing with multinational corporations.
Pre: ACCT 210 V

491 (3) In-Service V
493 (1-4) Honors Reading in Accounting V
497 (6-16) Internship
Supervised experience in public, industrial or governmental accounting. Students must meet standards established by the employer and the Department of Accounting. Students may not register for internship credit during the semester of graduation.
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499 (1-4) Individual Study of Accounting V