ABOUT A DEGREE IN ACCOUNTING

Accountants are generally responsible for analyzing and communicating financial information for various entities such as companies, individual clients, and government agencies. Accurate recording and reporting of financial data and business transactions constitutes a major portion of an accountant’s daily tasks. Accounting majors can pursue a variety of specializations, such as public accounting, tax accounting, cost accounting, government accounting, and internal/external accounting.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

Accountant  
Bank Officer  
Commodities Trader  
Financial Analyst  
Internal Auditor  
Public Accountant  
Treasurer  

Actuary  
Budget Control Analyst  
Cost Accountant  
Financial Planner  
IRS Agent  
Research Analyst  
Trust Accountant  

Auditor  
Commercial Banker  
Credit Manager  
Governmental Accountant  
Loan Administrator  
Tax Accountant  
Underwriter  

RELATIED SKILLS:

Analytical  
Problem Solving  
Ability to Multi-task  
Independent  

Business  
Interpersonal  
Organized  
Focused  

Communication  
Persuasion  
Attention to Detail  
Management  

HIRING INSTITUTIONS:

Banking Institutions  
Colleges and Universities  
Manufacturing Industries  
Social Service Agencies  
Insurance Companies  

Business Corporations  
School Districts  
Public Relations Firms  
Government Agencies  
Media Companies  

Public Accounting Firms  
Non-profit Organizations  
Churches  
Research Institutes  
Retail Companies  

JOB OUTLOOK:

Employment of accountants and auditors is expected to grow by 18 percent between 2006 and 2016, which is faster than the average for all occupations. This occupation will have a very large number of new jobs arise, almost 226,000 over the projections decade. An increase in the number of businesses, changing financial laws, and corporate governance regulations, and increased accountability for protecting an organization’s stakeholders will drive growth. (Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics)

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

Most accountants and auditors work in a typical office setting. Some may be able to do part of their work at home. Accountants and auditors employed by public accounting firms, government agencies, and organizations with multiple locations may travel frequently to perform audits at branches, clients’ places of business, or government facilities. Most accountants and auditors usually work a standard 40-hour week, but many work longer hours, particularly if they are self-employed and have numerous clients. Tax specialists often work long hours during the tax season. (Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics)

COMPANIES THAT HIRE TU STUDENTS:


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