Accounting

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	Actuary	Auditor
Bank Officer	Budget Control Analyst	Commercial Banker
Commodities Trader	Cost Accountant	Credit Manager
Financial Analyst	Financial Planner	Governmental Accountant
Internal Auditor	IRS Agent	Loan Administrator
Public Accountant	Research Analyst	Tax Accountant
Treasurer	Trust Accountant	Underwriter

RELATED SKILLS

Analytical	Business	Communication
Problem Solving	Interpersonal	Persuasion
Ability to Multi-task	Organized	Attention to Detail
Independent	Focused	Management

HIRING INSTITUTIONS

Banking Institutions	Business Corporations	Public Accounting Firms
Colleges and Universities	School Districts	Non-profit Organizations
Manufacturing Industries	Public Relations Firms	Churches
Social Service Agencies	Government Agencies	Research Institutes
Insurance Companies	Media Companies	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 HIRED TU STUDENTS

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