

Bachelor of Business Administration Concentration: Accounting 2025-2026

General Areas of Service: Many career options exist in accounting. Public accountants have their own businesses or work for public accounting firms. They perform a broad range of accounting, auditing, fraud investigation, tax, and consulting activities for their clientele, which could include corporations, governments, nonprofit organizations, or individuals. Accountants also work in corporations, nonprofits, and governments. Positions include treasurer, financial analyst, budgeting, business manager, controller, CFO, FBI agent, IRS auditor, etc.

Education/Training: Most large public accounting firms, businesses, and governmental agencies require applicants to have at least a bachelor's degree in accounting. Preference is commonly given in all career positions to Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) or Certified Management Accountants (CMAs). A majority of states now require 225-quarter hours of college credit in order to take the CPA Exam. These extra credits can be taken at the undergraduate or graduate level. A master's degree is a desirable added qualification in all areas. WWU students earn their initial accounting experience through a required accounting internship.

Denominational Opportunities: A wide variety of positions in accounting, auditing, and financial management are open in church organizations, such as in healthcare, publishing, academies, and universities in North America and overseas.

Job Outlook: According to the *Job Outlook* survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, accounting is one of the highest college majors in demand by employers. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects growth of employment for accountants and auditor is projected to grow 4 percent from 2022 to 2032, about as fast as the average for all occupations. (See www.bls.gov).

Earnings: According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average pay range was \$53,000 to more than \$141,000 for accountants and auditors in May 2024. Accountants with CPA certifications can earn substantially more. (See www.bls.gov).

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Suggested Degree Path

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 192 cr. GENERAL STUDIES REQUIREMENTS: 65 cr. [See the Undergraduate Bulletin for Details](#)

The chart below details one suggested path a student may take to complete a bachelor's degree in Accounting.

Cognates are listed in *italics*.

Freshman Year

Fall Courses	Hours
Prin. of Financial Accounting (ACCT 201)	4
Intro to Analytical Writing (ENGL 121)	3
Colloquium (GBUS 495)	0
General Studies/Electives	9
Total	16

Winter Courses	Hours
Prin. of Financial Accounting (ACCT 202)	3
Bus. Analytics with MS Excel (CIS 140)	4
Intro to Research Writing (ENGL 122)	3
Colloquium (GBUS 495)	0
General Studies/Electives	6
Total	16

Spring Courses	Hours
Prin. of Managerial Accounting (ACCT 203)	3
Intro. to Statistics (MATH 106)	4
Colloquium (GBUS 495)	0
General Studies/Electives	9
Total	16

Sophomore Year

Fall Courses	Hours
Intermediate Accounting (ACCT 321)	4
Colloquium (GBUS 495)	0
General Studies/Electives	12
Total	16

Winter Courses	Hours
Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 210)	4
Intermediate Accounting (ACCT 322)	4
Colloquium (GBUS 495)	0
Accounting Information Systems (ACCT341)	4
General Studies/Electives	4
Total	16

Spring Courses	Hours
Prin. of Macroeconomics (ECON 211)	4
Bus. Analytics & Data Visualization (CIS 240)	4
Intermediate Accounting (ACCT 323)	4
Colloquium (GBUS 495)	0
Business Communication (GBUS 270)	4
Total	16

Junior Year

Fall Courses	Hours
Operations Management (MGMT 366)	4
Managerial Cost Accounting (ACCT 331)	4
Colloquium (GBUS 495)	0
General Studies/Electives	8
Total	16

Winter Courses	Hours
Information Systems & Bus Intel (CIS 301)	4
Personal Income Tax (ACCT 335)	4
Principles of Marketing (MKTG 381)	4
Colloquium (GBUS 495)	0
General Studies/Electives	4
Total	16

Spring Courses	Hours
Principles of Management (MGMT 371)	4
Accounting Electives	4
Colloquium (GBUS 495)	0
Managerial Finance (FINA 351)	4
Internship (ACCT 490)	0-4
General Studies/Electives	4
Total	16

Senior Year

Fall Courses	Hours
Business Ethics (MGMT 463)	4
Auditing (ACCT 430)	4
Colloquium (GBUS 495)	0
General Studies/Electives	8
Total	16

Winter Courses	Hours
Business Law I (GBUS 361)	4
General Studies	4
Colloquium (GBUS 495)	0
General Studies/Electives	8
Total	16

Spring Courses	Hours
Business Law II (GBUS 362)	4
Accounting Electives	4
Strategic Management (MGMT 489)	4
Colloquium (GBUS 495)	0
General Studies/Electives	4
Total	16

* Required: Internship ([ACCT 490](#)), 0-4 Credits. A minimum of 120 hours is required regardless of the number of credits. Often done during the summer.

Note: All seniors must take a comprehensive exam in their major field before graduation - these are exit exams.