Accounting, B.B.A.

Students who wish to earn the Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in accounting must be admitted to the accounting program. Undergraduate accounting majors are subject to the probation and dismissal rules described in the Bachelor of Business Administration section of the Catalog and are governed by the Tippie Honor Code.

The B.B.A. is not sufficient preparation for Certified Public Accountant (CPA) licensure in states that have passed a 150-hour law, including Iowa.

Requirements

The Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in accounting requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including at least 25 s.h. of work for the major. All required major course work must be taken at the University of Iowa. Students must be admitted to the accounting program in order to major in accounting. Course work in the program provides concentrated coverage of professional accounting subjects and closely related topics in commercial law, business, and information systems.

To enter the program, undergraduates must be admitted to the Tippie College of Business. They must have a University of Iowa g.p.a. of at least 3.00 and a cumulative g.p.a. of at least 3.00, a g.p.a. of at least 2.67 (B-minus average) in ACCT:2100 Introduction to Financial Accounting and ACCT:2200 Managerial Accounting, and a passing score on the Department of Accounting writing assessment. Students who wish to declare accounting as a major but do not satisfy the automatic admission requirements may still apply to the professional program; applications are reviewed case-by-case.

Students usually spend the first and second year taking prerequisites and other course work required for all B.B.A. students. To view the common B.B.A. requirements, see the Bachelor of Business Administration in the Catalog.

Accounting Major

These business core classes are prerequisites to major-level courses:

- MGMT:2000 Introduction to Law
- MSCI:2800 Foundations of Business Analytics
- MSCI:3005 Information Systems

Students may not count ACCT:3020 Financial Accounting and Reporting toward the B.B.A. in accounting due to overlap in course content.

Students who major in accounting are required to take the following major course work at the University of Iowa during their third and fourth years.

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Spring
MATH:1380 Calculus and Matrix Algebra for Business 4
ECON:1100 Principles of Microeconomics 4
MSCI:1500 Business Computing Essentials 2
ENGL:1200 The Interpretation of Literature 3
GE: Diversity and Inclusion or GE: Values and Culture 3

Hours 16

Second Year
Fall
ACCT:2100 Introduction to Financial Accounting 3
STAT:1030 Statistics for Business 4
MGMT:2000 Introduction to Law 3
BUS:3000 Business Communication and Protocol 3
GE: Social Sciences (excluding ECON:1100 Principles of Microeconomics and ECON:1200 Principles of Macroeconomics) 3

Hours 16

Spring
ACCT:2200 Managerial Accounting 3
ECON:1200 Principles of Macroeconomics 4
MSCI:2800 Foundations of Business Analytics 3
MSCI:3005 Information Systems 3
Non-business elective course 3

Hours 16

Third Year
Fall
ACCT:3100 Professional Accounting Seminar 1
ACCT:3200 Income Measurement and Asset Valuation 3
ACCT:3400 Introduction to Taxation 3
FIN:3000 Introductory Financial Management 3
GE: International and Global Issues 3
Non-business elective course 1

Hours 16

Spring
ACCT:3300 Valuation of Financial Claims 3
ACCT:3600 Accounting Information Systems 3
MGMT:2100 Introduction to Management 3
MKTG:3000 Introduction to Marketing Strategy 3
Non-business elective course 3

Hours 14

Summer
Exam: GMAT

Hours 15

Fourth Year
Fall
ACCT:4100 Auditing 3
Major: Accounting elective course 3
MSCI:3000 Operations Management 3
Non-business elective course 3

Hours 14

Non-business elective course 2

Spring
ACCT:4200 Accounting for Management Analysis and Control 3
ACCT:4300 Business Law
Major: Accounting elective course 3
Non-business elective course 3
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Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall)

Hours 14

Total Hours 121-124

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a See degree audit for course options.
b Enrollment in math courses requires completion of a placement exam.
c GE courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.
d Business Core Part I component, required to declare major
e BUS:3000 must be taken in the first semester after admission to the Tippie College of Business. Direct admits take BUS:3000 in their second year.
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k Please see Academic Calendar, Office of the Registrar website for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor. For more information visit http://commencement.uiowa.edu/

Career Advancement

Over 95 percent of students reported that they found permanent employment, were accepted to graduate school, or were not seeking employment within six months of graduation.

The Pomerantz Career Center offers multiple resources to help students find internships and jobs; for more information about careers, visit the Pomerantz Career Center website.