# Accounting Courses (ACCT)

## ACCT Courses

This is a list of courses with the subject code ACCT. For more information, see Accounting (Tippie College of Business) in the catalog.

**ACCT:1300 First-Year Seminar**  
1 s.h.  
Small discussion class taught by faculty member; topics chosen by instructor; may include outside activities (e.g., films, readings, visits to research facilities).

**ACCT:2100 Introduction to Financial Accounting**  
3 s.h.  
Accounting and financial reporting procedures used by business and not-for-profit entities; emphasis on accounting concepts and use of accounting information in making economic decisions.

**ACCT:2200 Managerial Accounting Analytics and Data Visualization**  
3 s.h.  
Basic topics in cost behavior, measurement, accumulation; use of cost data for relevant analysis, budgeting, performance evaluation. Prerequisites: ECON:1100 and ACCT:2100 and (MATH:1850 or MATH:1550 or MATH:1460 or MATH:1860 or MATH:1350).

**ACCT:3020 Financial Accounting and Reporting**  
3 s.h.  
External financial reporting practices in context of decisions by management, current and potential stockholders, financial analysts; emphasis on interpretation, use of financial statements. Prerequisites: ACCT:2200.

**ACCT:3100 Professional Accounting Seminar**  
1 s.h.  
Seminar topics, including accounting careers, curriculum, MAC program, internships, CPA examination and other professional certificates, Beta Alpha Psi, ethics, and global standards. Offered fall semesters. Corequisites: ACCT:2200 or ACCT:3200.

**ACCT:3200 Income Measurement and Asset Valuation**  
3 s.h.  
Accounting rules that determine how economic events and transactions are described in published financial reports; emphasis on revenue and expense recognition, asset valuation, accrual accounting model. Prerequisites: ACCT:2100.

**ACCT:3300 Valuation of Financial Claims**  
3 s.h.  
Current and long-term liabilities and stockholders' equity, off-balance sheet financing, cash flow statement, earnings-per-share, financial instruments. Prerequisites: ACCT:3100 and ACCT:3200.

**ACCT:3400 Introduction to Taxation**  
3 s.h.  
Federal income taxation of individuals and businesses, including corporations, partnerships, and sole proprietorships; emphasis on developing a broad perspective on structure, administration, and rationale of federal income tax system. Prerequisites: ACCT:2100.

**ACCT:3420 Taxes and Business Strategy**  
3 s.h.  
Effect of taxes on business decisions, including investment strategies, capital structure decisions, compensation policies, international business, mergers and acquisitions, and financial reporting. Prerequisites: ACCT:2100.

**ACCT:3450 Tax Practicum (VITA) I**  
0-1 s.h.  
Transformative opportunity to work on real world tax problems with real clients; application of skills learned in classroom to real world problems; development of crucial accounting career soft skills including communication (explaining complicated ideas in simple language), moving out of one's comfort zone, working as a team, and having an appreciation for the importance of community service.

**ACCT:3451 Tax Practicum (VITA) II**  
2 s.h.  
Transformative opportunity to work on real world tax problems with real clients; application of skills learned in classroom to real world problems; development of crucial accounting career soft skills including communication (explaining complicated ideas in simple language), moving out of one's comfort zone, working as a team, and having an appreciation for importance of community service. Prerequisites: ACCT:3450. Requirements: successful completion of ACCT:3450 and certification on the most recent Internal Revenue Service certification tests.

**ACCT:3500 Advanced Tax Topics**  
3 s.h.  
Taxation of corporations and partnerships from organization through liquidation; relative merits of conducting business as C corporation, partnership, S corporation; the alternative minimum tax; introduction to tax research. Prerequisites: ACCT:3400.

**ACCT:3550 Financial Statement Analysis**  
3 s.h.  
How to analyze published financial statements; practical experience using financial statement information to assess accounting quality, historical performance, forecasted performance, credit risk, firm value. Prerequisites: ACCT:3020 or ACCT:3200.

**ACCT:3600 Accounting Systems and Analytics**  
3 s.h.  
Application of computer technology and internal controls to accounting and transaction processing systems; auditing of information systems; information systems infrastructure and trends; problem solving with Python and databases; accounting cycle operations. Prerequisites: ACCT:2200 and ACCT:2100 and (BAIS:3005 or CS:2110). Same as BAIS:3100.

**ACCT:4000 Special Topics in Accounting**  
1-3 s.h.  
Independent study topics determined by faculty member.

**ACCT:4001 Continuing Education: Special Topics in Accounting**  
arr.  
Individual guided readings in accounting topics. Requirements: admission to Professional Program in Accounting.

**ACCT:4100 Auditing**  
3 s.h.  
General framework underlying auditing, role of audit standards in planning and conduct of audits, effect of regulation, ethics, liability on audit practices. Prerequisites: ACCT:3300 and ACCT:3600 and (BAIS:2800 or ECON:4800 or STAT:2020).

**ACCT:4200 Advanced Managerial Accounting Analytics**  
3 s.h.  
Advanced topics in cost estimation, measurement, accumulation; use of cost data for decision-making, performance evaluation in multi-unit organizations. Prerequisites: (STAT:2020 or ECON:4800 or STAT:4101 or BAIS:2800) and (CS:2110 or BAIS:3005) and ACCT:2100 and ACCT:2200.
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<td>Design and Use of Cost Management Systems</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
<td>Development of cost accumulation and reporting systems that complement a firm’s strategy and structure; how activity-based cost management systems increase competitiveness by helping a firm manage its costs, processes, and people. Prerequisites: ACCT:4200.</td>
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<td>ACCT:4280</td>
<td>Cybersecurity</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
<td>High-level view of computer security and fostering a cybersecurity mindset which is in demand across all industries; frequent change of perspective from employee to CEO, casual home user, and hacker; broad range of topics; actionable items to make daily digital interactions more secure. Prerequisites: BAIS:3005 or CS:1210 or CS:2110 or CS:2230 or CS:3330 or ENGR:2730. Same as BAIS:4280.</td>
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<td>ACCT:4300</td>
<td>Accounting Ethics and Law</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
<td>Integration of ethics with study of legal topics for accountants (e.g., contracts, debtor-creditor law, agency law, employment law, securities law, accountant’s legal liability, business entities); selections from American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Code of Professional Conduct; students analyze ethical considerations of essential topics (e.g., fraud, fiduciary duties). Prerequisites: ACCT:2100 and ACCT:2200.</td>
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<td>ACCT:4400</td>
<td>Advanced Financial Accounting</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
<td>Accounting and reporting standards for business combinations, including mergers, consolidations, and multinational enterprises; accounting for partnerships, business segments, transactions denominated in foreign currency, including hedges using foreign currency derivative instruments; reporting standards for interim financial statements and fund accounting applied to government and nonprofit entities. Prerequisites: ACCT:3300.</td>
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<td>ACCT:4500</td>
<td>Accounting Measurement: Research and Analysis</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
<td>How uncertainty and risk influence accounting judgments, estimates, and forecasts that underlie reported financial statement amounts; applications drawn from familiar accounting measurement challenges and those unique to industries (e.g., airline transportation, healthcare, insurance, gaming, oil and gas exploration). Prerequisites: ACCT:3300. Corequisites: ACCT:4100.</td>
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<td>ACCT:4600</td>
<td>Research Seminar for Tax Professionals</td>
<td>2 s.h.</td>
<td>Understanding of the methodology used by tax professionals to research the Internal Revenue Code, Treasury Regulations, and case law; emphasis on evaluation and application of tax law to specific facts and circumstances to address tax compliance and tax planning opportunities faced by tax practitioners and their clients. Prerequisites: ACCT:3500.</td>
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<td>ACCT:4999</td>
<td>Honors Thesis in Accounting</td>
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<td>Independent student project directed by faculty or staff advisor; culminates in a thesis that conforms to University of Iowa Honors Program guidelines; may include empirical research, library research, applied projects. Prerequisites: BUS:1999.</td>
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<td>Directed Readings in Accounting</td>
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**ACCT:7975 Thesis: Accounting**
- arr. Requirements: PhD enrollment.

**ACCT:9020 Strategic Cost Analysis**
- 2-3 s.h. Introduction to cost accumulation, reporting, cost management systems; managerial and divisional performance evaluation; appropriate use of cost data for short- and long-run decisions; product costing in manufacturing and service industries. Prerequisites: MBA:8140.

**ACCT:9030 Financial Accounting Standards and Analysis**
- 2-3 s.h. Accounting model, underlying measurement concepts, valuation rules for assets, liabilities, related issues of income determination; emphasis on economic substance of transactions, evaluation and interpretation of financial data. Prerequisites: MBA:8140.

**ACCT:9040 Financial Statement Analysis and Forecasting**
- 3 s.h. Use of corporate financial statements for investment and lending decisions; emphasis on financial analysis techniques, valuation, business analysis, cash flow projections, credit scoring, related research evidence. Prerequisites: MBA:8140 or (ACCT:3200 and ACCT:3300). Recommendations: for Iowa MBA majors—MBA:8180 or prior undergraduate finance course.

**ACCT:9050 Taxes and Business Strategy**
- 2-3 s.h. Effect of taxes on business decisions, including investment strategies, capital structure decisions, compensation policies, international business, mergers and acquisitions, and financial reporting. Prerequisites: ACCT:3020 or ACCT:3500 or MBA:8140 or LAW:8194. Requirements: graduate standing in business.

**ACCT:9110 Special Topics in Taxation**
- 3 s.h. Timely and relevant topics in taxation and/or topics related to taxation not covered in ACCT:3400 and ACCT:3500. Prerequisites: ACCT:3500 or LAW:8194.

**ACCT:9120 Design and Use of Cost Management Systems**
- 3 s.h. Development of cost accumulation and reporting systems that complement a firm’s strategy and structure; how activity-based cost management systems increase competitiveness by helping a firm manage its costs, processes, people. Prerequisites: ACCT:4200 or ACCT:9020.

**ACCT:9130 Financial Reporting: Theory and Practice**

**ACCT:9140 Advanced Auditing**
- 3 s.h. Advanced issues such as ethics, internal control audits, forensic auditing, and fair value auditing. Prerequisites: ACCT:4100. Requirements: graduate standing in business.

**ACCT:9150 Research Seminar for Tax Professionals**
- 3 s.h. Understanding of the methodology used by tax professionals to research the Internal Revenue Code, Treasury Regulations, and case law; emphasis on evaluation and application of tax law to specific facts and circumstances to address tax compliance and tax planning opportunities faced by tax practitioners and their clients. Prerequisites: ACCT:3500. Requirements: admission to MAc program.
ACCT:9170 Advanced Accounting Analytics 3 s.h.
Application of the latest business intelligence software packages to real world problems from auditing, managerial, financial, and tax accounting; how to use Big Data to make better business decisions and identify potential risks and opportunities. Prerequisites: ACCT:4100 and ACCT:4200. Corequisites: BAIS:9210.