

Helzberg School of Management's BSBA Concentration in Accounting/Accounting MBA

What is Accounting?

The Helzberg School of Management's accounting concentration helps students learn to manage, control and evaluate businesses, from the smallest startup to the largest multinational. Students learn the definitions, concepts and techniques of accounting, as well as the role the profession plays in society. The concentration prepares students for careers in public, corporate, or governmental accounting.

What Do Accounting Majors Do?

Students with an accounting concentration learn to explain, apply and evaluate financial accounting concepts at a professional level. Concepts include United States and international financial reporting standards, auditing standards, and key provisions and exceptions in the federal tax code. Students also delve into structured and unstructured real-world business problems.

Accounting concentrators benefit from a rich variety of learning and practice environments that are similar to those graduates will experience in a professional setting. Environments include lectures, projects, team competitions, oral presentations and special events.

Is a Concentration in Accounting Right for You?

You might consider concentrating in accounting if you:

- ▶ like solving puzzles.
- ▶ are good with numbers.
- ▶ understand what numbers mean.
- ▶ are interested in business and economics.
- ▶ enjoy exposure to real-world business cases.
- ▶ want to pursue a professional career.

Research and Internship Opportunities:

Numerous internship opportunities are available for students with a concentration in accounting and may lead to full-time employment. Examples of firms offering internships to Helzberg students include the following:

- ▶ Pricewaterhouse Coopers
- ▶ H&R Block
- ▶ Waddell & Reed
- ▶ KPMG
- ▶ RubinBrown
- ▶ Barrett CPA's
- ▶ Deloitte
- ▶ BKD

About Our Students

Our students earn internships, study abroad and put their skills to work in engaged learning environments such as student, civic partnerships and capstone business projects. Helzberg students with an accounting concentration will be prepared to hold management positions in corporations, public accounting firms and government agencies, or to work as self-employed accountants after passing the CPA Exam. Other students go on to graduate studies in business administration, taxation and law.

About Our Graduates

Recent graduates have accepted challenging positions at major CPA firms and corporations such as Rubin Brown, Pricewaterhouse Coopers, America Eagle Outfitters, State Street, Ernst & Young, Farmers Insurance, Waddell & Reed and Cerner.

About the Faculty

Our faculty members are experts in fields such as cost and managerial accounting, executive compensation, corporate governance, financial accounting, tax policy, financial reporting frauds, financial institutions and measurement issues. Faculty members are Ph.D.'s, DBAs, and CPAs, and have received awards, worked for private enterprise, and held positions in professional associations.

Accounting or Accounting/MBA Curriculum

Prerequisites

AC 2000 Financial Accounting
AC 2100 Managerial Accounting
BUS 1800 Microcomputer Applications
BUS 1900 Business Leadership and Social Issues
BUS 2200 Applied Business Statistics
EC 1000 Principles of Macroeconomics
EC 1100 Principles of Microeconomics

21 total credit hours

Helzberg School Common Core

AC 3500 Accounting Information and Control Systems
AC 4750 Auditing
BUS 3200 Intro to Operations Management
BUS 3350 Business in Global Environments
BUS 3400 Law of Commercial Transactions
FN 3000 Essentials of Finance
MG 3300 Leadership and Organizational Behavior
MK 3000 Principles of Marketing

24 total credit hours

Accounting Concentration	OR	Accounting/MBA Concentration
AC 3000 Intermediate Accounting I		AC 3000 Intermediate Accounting I
AC 3100 Intermediate Accounting II		AC 3100 Intermediate Accounting II
AC 3400 Advanced Managerial Accounting		AC 3400 Advanced Managerial Accounting
AC 4600 Corporate Tax		AC 4600 Corporate Tax
AC 4050, 4021, 4450 or 4650		AC 4050 Advanced Accounting AC 4021 Intermediate Financial Analysis

15 total credit hours

18 total credit hours

Career Outlook

According to the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, accounting is the fastest growing profession. The job market for accountancy graduates remains very strong, even during temporary economic downturns. Options include:

- ▶ public accounting, auditing, taxation and consulting.
- ▶ private/industrial accounting, financial and cost accounting.
- ▶ governmental/nonprofit accounting and fund accounting.
- ▶ forensic accounting and investigative accounting.

Accountants are in high demand by government agencies such as the IRS, FBI and CIA. Graduates are also prepared for advanced study in accountancy, leading to career opportunities in accounting education. Accounting also provides an excellent foundation for non-accounting business careers, including banking, consulting and small business ownership.

The average salary for entry-level accounting jobs ranges from \$50,000 to \$55,000. However, average entry-level accounting salaries can vary greatly due to the company, its geographic location, benefits package offered, and your prior experience or internships.

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