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University of Missouri-St. Louis

Accounting

Why UM-SL?

The accounting program at the University of Missouri-St. Louis enjoys a long-standing reputation for providing excellent graduates to assist in the economic growth of metropolitan St. Louis. While most of our graduates remain in the St. Louis region, some have explored opportunities beyond Missouri and the Midwest and found success wherever they have ventured.

Graduates of the bachelor's and master's degree programs at UM-St. Louis have ascended to leadership positions at local, regional, national, and international accounting firms and businesses. New graduates have accepted jobs at leading firms and corporations, including BKD, Deloitte & Touche, Ernst & Young, UHY Advisors, KPMG, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Rubin-Brown, Humes and Barrington, Boeing, Citigroup, Edward Jones, Enterprise Leasing, Laclede Gas, SSM Healthcare, and many others. Our alumni are partners, treasurers, chief financial officers, chief operating officers, chief accounting officers, and chief executive officers. They have become leaders in non-profit and governmental entities as well.

The Accounting Faculty at the UM-St. Louis is comprised primarily of full-time scholars who teach in day and evening undergraduate courses as well as the graduate program. Our professors hold Ph.D.s from the top academic accounting programs in the world, including Washington University, the Ohio State University, Indiana University, University of North Carolina, University of South Carolina, and University of North Texas. In addition to extensive teaching experience, they also have professional experience with prestigious organizations such as the Internal Revenue Service, Monsanto, Citicorp, the U.S. Navy, and several public accounting firms. They are considered experts in the fields of financial reporting, cost accounting, taxation, accounting systems, and auditing with research published in leading accounting journals such as *The Accounting Review*, *Journal of Accounting & Economics*, *Accounting Horizons*, *Issues in Accounting Education*, and the *Journal of Accountancy*.

The faculty is committed to keeping class sizes small enough to allow interaction between you and your instructor. Because most of the faculty is full-time, you will find them on campus and readily available to answer your questions. Accounting faculty members have won many teaching awards, such as the Anheuser Busch Award for Teaching Excellence, the Missouri Society of CPAs Educator of the Year, and UM-SL Evening College Teacher of the Year.

Career Outlook

The accounting profession is dynamic, intellectually rewarding, and potentially lucrative.

While many accountants commit their entire professional careers to accounting practice, others find the breadth of their experience, education, and training leads them to careers in areas not directly related to accounting. It has been estimated that 30% of the chief executives of America's 850 largest corporations have backgrounds in professional accounting.

Accounting alumni from the University of Missouri-St. Louis have taken diverse roles and responsibilities with a wide variety of organizations. Our graduates hold rewarding positions such as financial auditors, internal auditors, information systems auditors, accounting managers, investment bankers, cost accountants, managers of financial reporting, entrepreneurs, risk management consultants, and accounting professors, to name just a few job titles. A degree in accounting doesn't just open the door to professions in accounting and finance but can be the basis for advanced study in law, information systems, or other business disciplines. An accounting education at the University of Missouri-St. Louis can promote your commitment to life-long learning.

Accreditation and Mission

The Mission of the Accounting Area of the University of Missouri-St. Louis is:

To foster excellence in accountancy by:

- 1) Providing a rigorous educational experience as a framework for lifelong learning to individuals of diverse academic backgrounds
- 2) Creating, expanding, and disseminating knowledge through scholarly activities
- 3) Serving the academic, professional, and business communities

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB) is the only internationally recognized accrediting agency for business and accounting programs. Of some 1,200 business schools nationally, approximately 300 are accredited by AACSB International. Only 10% of the Business schools in the United States carry AACSB accreditation for both Business and Accounting programs.

The accounting programs at UM-SL are the only accounting programs in metropolitan St. Louis that are fully accredited by AACSB. Only five universities in Missouri carry AACSB accreditation in both business and accounting.

CAREER

Academic Programs

BS in Accounting (BSA)

The program of study for qualified individuals who choose to pursue the Bachelor of Science in Accounting (BSA) builds upon a strong liberal arts foundation and comprehensive core of business courses. This program provides graduates with the skills necessary to enter business careers where specialized study in accounting is required and provides the groundwork for building a successful professional career.

Master of Accounting Program (M.Acc.)

The Master of Accounting program is intended for students preparing to enter the accounting profession or furthering existing accounting careers. The program is designed to accommodate students with undergraduate accounting majors and students with other undergraduate backgrounds. The master's degree requires as few as 30 credit hours for students with undergraduate accounting degrees. Because of the need to attain general business and professional core competencies as a foundation for the M.Acc. requirements, students with no academic business or accounting background will be required to take additional credit hours.

Master of Business Administration (MBA) with emphasis in Accounting

Students who wish to pursue a graduate program with more general business background can earn a Master of Business Administration with emphasis in accounting. In addition to the courses required for the MBA, students must complete 12 credit hours of advanced accounting courses.

Many students choose to combine a BS in Accounting with a M.Acc. or an MBA in order to fulfill the educational requirements for the CPA examination.

For more information about the requirements of each degree program, see www.umsl.edu/divisions/business/accounting/acprogs.htm

Extracurricular Activities

Several student organizations are available to accounting students. They provide opportunities for social interaction, community service, and professional development.

Accounting Club

The Accounting Club is a recognized student organization on campus that is open to all students of the University. It meets regularly to hear presentations from individuals from many areas of professional experience. The group sponsors social events that build comradeship among accounting students as well. A traditional end-of-year event is a tailgate party and attendance at a St. Louis Cardinals ball game.

Beta Alpha Psi

This is the honor society for students in the financial disciplines. The University of Missouri-St. Louis' Gamma Psi chapter has been very active in community service projects such as the March of Dimes, Old Newsboys, Habitat for Humanity, and on-campus tutoring programs. Some members travel to regional and national meetings to share their experiences and learn from other Beta Alpha Psi chapters around the country. The honor society's professional and social programs for their members have often been recognized by the national association for their superior efforts.

National Association of Black Accountants (NABA)

NABA has sponsored a local student chapter for many years. This University-recognized group provides opportunities for students to work together to build relationships with each other, with professionals in the community, and with other organizations to enhance

their interests in accounting as a career. Membership in the campus chapter is open to all interested students.

Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants (MSCPA)

The St. Louis Chapter of the MSCPA regularly sponsors events for students to meet MSCPA members and learn about career paths and options available to accounting majors. The MSCPA LEAP (Lead and Enhance the Accounting Profession) program offers student activities and scholarships.

Internships

The UMSL Accounting Area has an active internship program. Many students complete internships with public accounting firms, corporations, and not-for-profit entities. By working with a faculty advisor, students can earn academic credit for internship experiences.

The Honors Internship in Public Accounting enables qualified students to complete a full-time, eight-week internship with a public accounting firm while maintaining their status as full-time students and making progress toward their degree requirements.

Career Services

UM- St. Louis accounting graduates are highly sought after by many employers. In the fall, the Beta Alpha Psi chapter sponsors Accountants' Networking Night, when representatives from many accounting firms and other employers come to campus to meet accounting students. An outstanding on-campus Career Placement Office facilitates on-campus interviews with organizations seeking interns and graduates from the UM-St. Louis accounting programs. The Career Placement Office can help with résumés and interviewing skills, and is able provide the information students need as they prepare to leave the University to enter professional life.

Professional Certification

The Certified Public Accountant (CPA) designation is recognized as the mark of the independent professional accountant. To qualify to sit for the Uniform Certified Public Accountants Examination in Missouri, candidates must have the equivalent of a bachelor's degree in accounting and must have completed at least 150 hours of college education. Like most undergraduate programs, the UM-St. Louis Bachelor of Science in Accounting requires 120 credit hours. In order to meet the educational requirements to become a CPA, a student must take an additional 30 credit hours. At UM-St. Louis, this requirement can be met in a variety of ways, including earning a Master of Accounting (M.Acc.), a Master of Business Administration, or an additional undergraduate degree.

The College of Business Administration and the accounting faculty are committed to working with students to find ways to meet their educational goals while fulfilling the CPA requirements. Regardless of a student's background, all Missouri CPA requirements can be completed at UM-St. Louis.

UM-St. Louis alumni taking the Uniform CPA Examination have pass rates significantly exceeding national and state averages.

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