ACCOUNTING

at the
University of Missouri – St. Louis

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

UMSL
Outstanding career opportunities

The accounting program at the University of Missouri – St. Louis has a long-standing reputation for providing exceptional accountants, and graduates have been quite successful at obtaining full-time accounting positions.

More than 60 graduates are chief financial officers at mid-sized and large businesses. George Paz, BSBA accounting emphasis 1982, is chairman and chief executive officer of Express Scripts, a St. Louis-based, Fortune 100 pharmaceutical-services company. Other graduates have ascended to the partner level at regional, national and international certified public accounting firms, and many have risen to the controller position at small to mid-sized companies. Our alumni are leaders at government agencies, and more than 20 accounting graduates are chief financial officers at nonprofit organizations.
**Where recent UMSL accounting graduates work**

- Ameren
- Anders
- BDO
- BJC HealthCare
- BKD
- Boeing
- Citi
- CliftonLarsonAllen
- Defense Contract Audit
- Edward Jones
- Emerson
- Enterprise
- Ernst & Young
- Express Scripts
- Fleishman-Hillard
- Internal Revenue Service
- KPMG
- LacLeDe Gas
- Missouri Department of Revenue
- Moneta Group
- Monsanto
- Mueller Prost
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- RSM
- RubinBrown
- St. Louis Cardinals
- Scottrade
- UHY Advisors
- Wells Fargo

**Great learning experiences**

About 90 percent of accounting classes are taught by full-time faculty. Undergraduate classes for accounting majors enroll 45 or fewer students, and classes in the Master of Accounting program enroll 35 or fewer students.

Our students learn both the technical accounting skills necessary to pass the certified public accountants exam and the professionalism necessary to become a successful CPA. They practice individual research skills and learn how to work together in teams. They also become adept at written business communications and gain valuable presentation skills.

In-class experience is student-centered and emphasizes active learning, and more than 80 UMSL accounting students participate in paid accounting internships in the St. Louis area annually.

**Did you know?**

Students entering our Master of Accounting program between 2010 and 2015 have an average GPA of 3.5 and an average GMAT score of 600.
Business education with top accreditation

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the most prestigious business accrediting organization in the world, accredits both our business program and our accounting program, placing UMSL among only 10 percent of universities in the United States that hold dual accreditation within the university’s College of Business Administration.

CPA exam

Between 2009 and 2014, more than 210 accounting degree recipients from UMSL completed the certified public accountants exam. For the most recent year that data is available, our degree recipients passed 61 percent of CPA exam parts taken, while the national average was 48 percent.

And Chris Leon (BS accounting 2007) and Nguyen Ngo (MAcc 2011) and Brighton Ranney Samet (MACC 2012) each won the prestigious Elijah Watts Sells Award for earning one of the 40 highest cumulative scores worldwide on the four-part CPA exam. Leon earned the distinction in 2008, Ngo in 2011, and Ranney Samet in 2012.

Exceptional faculty

Our 9 full-time faculty members have won many prestigious teaching awards, including the Teaching Excellence Award from the governor of Missouri, Excellence in Teaching Award from the UMSL chancellor and the Anheuser-Busch Outstanding Teaching Award from the College of Business Administration at UMSL.

Six of these 9 faculty members have earned doctoral degrees from universities that include Indiana University, the University of North Carolina, Virginia Tech University and the University of Utah.

And Professor of Accounting Steve Moehrle and Associate Professor of Accounting Jennifer Reynolds-Moehrle have each won the Outstanding Educator of the Year award from the Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants.
Giving back

Each year, UMSL students volunteer to prepare income tax returns for low-income and elderly citizens in the St. Louis area. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program has won the IRS Award for “Outstanding Community Service,” and in 2011, VITA placed third in the IRS category “University VITA programs with Most Tax Returns Prepared.”

Beta Alpha Psi is the professional organization for talented accounting and business information students. The UMSL chapter hosts professional speakers, holds a career fair and a number of other special events and provides services to the St. Louis area. The national office of Beta Alpha Psi has awarded our chapter with “Superior” status every year since 2005. The designation means UMSL has one of the premiere chapters in the country.

Did you know?

UMSL has the largest accounting program in the St. Louis area. On average, UMSL awarded 39 master’s degrees and 109 bachelor’s degrees each of the last 5 years.

What our alumni say about us

“I’m very grateful to the UMSL accounting department for providing experienced advisors familiar with St. Louis accounting businesses, the necessary in-depth courses and the leadership opportunities, which allowed me to have choice opportunities upon graduation.”

- Audrey Katcher (BSBA accounting emphasis 1992), partner at RubinBrown

“The accounting program provided me a strong foundation of skills. Faculty members were committed to my success. Both the program and faculty helped me gain an internship, a full-time position in public accounting and pass the CPA exam. I owe a great deal to UMSL and its faculty.”

- Tom Migneron (BSBA accounting emphasis 1982), principal at Edward Jones

“Majoring in accounting was not my initial choice, but it turned out to be one of the best decisions I’ve made in my life. My strong interest in a rewarding accounting career began with my first accounting class at UMSL. The program provided me with a true sense of direction. The challenging courses and dedicated professors built a solid foundation for my career.”

- Steven Harris (BS accounting 2000), partner at RubinBrown
What our alumni say about us

“Thanks to UMSL’s accounting program, I was well prepared to start my career at KPMG. The accounting professors did a great job of teaching while incorporating their workplace experience. They truly care about their students and are willing to go the extra mile to ensure their success.”
- Ryan Hollrah (BS accounting 2002 and MAcc 2003), manager at KPMG

“We didn’t have the money for me to go away to college, and my dad knew about UMSL’s affordability and good reputation. Plus, I could work and go to school at the same time, which was a necessity. The College of Business Administration gave me an excellent educational foundation, and I am sure my professional success is attributable to the college.”
- Norman Eaker (BSBA accounting emphasis 1977), chief administrative officer of Edward Jones

“My accounting degree from UMSL fully prepared me for passing the CPA exam and provided me a solid understanding of accounting principles to compete in the business world.”
- Rex Carter (BSBA accounting emphasis 1989), director of finance with the St. Louis Cardinals
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