



Accounting BS

Accounting skills and related professional certifications, such as the Certified Professional Accountant designation, are hugely valuable. Our alumni are leaders of corporations, CPA firms, and other organizations across the country. They are partners at CPA firms of all sizes – global, national, regional, and local. They lead governmental and regulatory agencies and not-for-profit organizations where they contribute their business expertise to further the important missions of these organizations. Our program fosters excellence in accountancy by providing a rigorous educational experience and a framework for lifelong learning to individuals of diverse academic backgrounds. UMSL accounting faculty members hold degrees from top doctoral programs in accounting, have published in premier academic journals, and have won numerous prestigious teaching awards.

Career Outlook

Accounting and the CPA profession remain crucial to efficiently and effectively operating capital markets. Thus, plentiful career opportunities have remained available to UMSL accounting graduates in strong and lesser strong economic times. UMSL accounting graduates typically start their careers at either the audit or tax departments at CPA firms or corporations.

Future Career Options

- Chief Financial Officer
- Certified Management Accountant
- Certified Public Accountant
- Corporate Controller
- External Auditor
- Internal Auditor
- Manager of Financial Reporting
- Tax Manager

Skills Developed By Degree Completion

- Analyze complex business transactions
- Create financial statements
- Communicate operating results and financial position
- Prepare tax returns of individuals and businesses
- Conduct a financial audit of organizations
- Analyze strategic options relevant to business processes
- Identify and assess legal and ethical issues with accounting and financial reporting

Successful alumni have gone on to fulfill many of the opportunities above. Additional possibilities are taken from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Contact an advisor to discuss additional future career options.

IT STARTS RIGHT NOW

This is a sample academic map for the courses to take each academic semester/session. This map is not a substitute for academic advisement. Contact your advisor when making final selections.



UNIVERSITY STUDIES

University studies is required for all first-year students and those with less than 24 credit hours.



MILESTONE COURSES

Milestone courses should be taken in the order shown to ensure you stay on a timely and accurate path toward graduation.



SUMMER AND INTERSESSION COURSES

Don't forget that summers and winter breaks are a way to fast-track your route to degree completion – and lighten your load during fall and spring!

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2024-2025 4-YEAR ACADEMIC MAP

Bachelor of Science in Accounting

Year

1

FALL SEMESTER (16 credit hours)

BUS AD 1000: Introduction to Business (3) or ENT 1100: Introduction to Entrepreneurship (3)
ENGL 1100: First-Year Writing (3)
INFSYS 1800: Computers and Information Systems (3)
MATH 1030: College Algebra (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Humanities and Fine Arts (3)
INTDSC 1003: University Studies (1)

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

BUS AD 1107: Quantitative Methods (3) or MATH 1100: Basic Calculus (3)
ECON 1001: Principles of Microeconomics (3)
INFSYS 2800: Information Systems Concepts and Applications (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Humanities and Fine Arts (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math and Life/Natural Sciences (3)

Year

2

FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

ACCTNG 2400: Fundamentals of Financial Accounting (3)
COMM 1040: Introduction to Public Speaking (3)
ECON 1002: Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
MATH 1105: Basic Probability and Statistics (3)
GEN ED CORE: US History and Government (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

ACCTNG 2410: Managerial Accounting (3)
ACCTNG 2430: Accounting Ethics (3), or PHIL 1130: Approaches to Ethics (3), or
PHIL 2249: Accounting Ethics (3), or PHIL 2254: Business Ethics (3)
BUS AD 2900: Legal Environment of Business (3)
SCMA 3301: Introduction to Supply Chain Management (3)
Cultural Diversity Requirement (3)

Year

3

FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

ACCTNG 3401: Financial Accounting and Reporting I (3)
ENGL 3120: Business Writing (3)
MGMT 3600: Management and Organizational Behavior (3)
SCMA 3300: Business Analytics and Statistics (3)
Elective (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (14 credit hours)

ACCTNG 3402: Financial Accounting and Reporting II (3)
ACCTNG 3411: Cost Accounting (3)
FINANCE 3500: Financial Management (3)
MKTG 3700: Principles of Marketing (3)
Elective (2)

Year

4

FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

ACCTNG 3421: Accounting Information Systems (3)
ACCTNG 3441: Income Taxes (3)
ENT 3100: Applications of Entrepreneurship (3)
Global Awareness Course (3)
Elective (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

ACCTNG 4435: Auditing (3)
MGMT 4219: Strategic Management (3) and MGMT 4220: Business Assessment (0)
Global Awareness Course (3)
Elective (3)
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Check once completed

