

## What Can I Do with a Major in **ACCOUNTING**?

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Accounting is the recording of financial transactions plus storing, sorting, retrieving, summarizing, and presenting the information in various reports and analyses. Accounting is one of the oldest and most respected professions in the world, and accountants can be found in every industry.

### **Typical Coursework**

Auditing	Introduction to Marketing
Business Law	Management Information Systems
Business Management	Principles of Macroeconomics
Business Writing	Principles of Microeconomics
Calculus for Business	Statistics for Business
Cost Accounting	Taxation
Introduction to Accounting	

### **Related Major Skills**

Problem solving	Critical thinking
Numerical computation	Systemizing skills
Oral and written communication	Efficient
Adapt well to frequent change	Work independently
Analyze and interpret data	Logical thinking
Computer literacy	Team work
Organization	

### **Directly Related Occupations**

Actuary	Controller Methods/Procedures Specialist
Administrative Services Manager	Cost Accountant
Assistant Controller	Cost Dept. Supervisor
Auditor	Credit and Collection
Bank Examiner	Estate Planner
Benefits/Compensation	Financial Aid Director
Bookkeeper	Financial Analyst
Budget Accountant	Financial Investment Analyst
Budgetary Control Analyst	Fund Raiser Administrator
Business Teacher	General Auditor
Buyer	Governmental Accountant
Certified Public Accountant (CPA)	Insurance Agent/Broker
Chief Cost Accountant	International Trade
Chief Financial Officer	International Trade Specialist
Claims Adjuster	Inventory Control Specialist
Collection Agent	IRS Investigator
Commercial Banker	Loan Administrator
Commodities Trader	Loan/Consumer Credit
Consumer Credit Officer	Managerial Accountant
Contract Administrator	Payroll Manager

Personal Financial Planner  
Professor  
Property Accountant  
Public Accountant  
Sales Manager  
Securities Broker  
Tax Accountant

Tax Compliance Specialist  
Tax Specialist  
Tax Supervisor/Auditor  
Treasurer  
Treasury Management Specialist  
Trust Accountant  
Underwriter

### **Who Hires for this Occupation?**

Public accountants have their own businesses or work for accounting firms. Their clients are individuals or businesses. Management accountants work for corporations. Government accountants maintain and examine the records of government agencies. Internal auditors generally work for a company.

### **MN Colleges and Universities with a major in Accounting**

Augsburg College	St. Cloud State University
Bemidji State University	St. John's University
Bethel University	St. Mary's University of Minnesota – Minneapolis
College of St. Benedict	St. Mary's University of Minnesota – Rochester
College of St. Scholastica	St. Mary's University of Minnesota – Winona
Concordia College	University of Minnesota, Crookston
Concordia University	University of Minnesota, Duluth
Gustavus Adolphus College	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Hamline University	University of Northwestern, St. Paul
Metropolitan State University	University of St. Thomas
Minnesota State University, Mankato	Winona State University
Minnesota State University, Moorhead	
St. Catherine University	

### **Professional Association Links**

American Accounting Association, <http://aaahq.org/>  
American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), <http://www.aicpa.org/Pages/default.aspx>  
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, <http://www.accaglobal.com/us/en.html>  
Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, <https://www.cimaglobal.com/>  
Institute of Management Accountants, <https://www.imanet.org/?ssopc=1>  
International Association of Accounting Professionals, <http://www.accountingprofessional.org/>  
National Society of Accountants, <http://www.nzacct.org/home>

### **For More Information**

Contact ARCC Career Counseling: (763) 433-1240 (CR campus), (763) 433-1840 (Cambridge campus)  
or stop by the campus Information Desk

*Information adapted from:* Minnesota Career Information System <https://mncis.intocareers.org>,  
Career Center at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington <http://uncw.edu/career/WhatCanIDoWithaMajorIn.html>  
Occupational Outlook Handbook, <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>