

In today's dynamic world of business, accountants have expanded the services they provide, making them integral team members in planning, coordinating and controlling the financial activities of businesses.

Getting to the bottom line. When it comes to the accounting program at St. Ambrose, the buzzword is “choices.” With your four-year accounting degree, you can choose a satisfying career in public, managerial or governmental accounting, or other related options. Add on our 30-hour Master of Accounting degree, and you can meet the 150-hour CPA requirement—providing you with the knowledge and skills to be a leader in your chosen career.

What you need to succeed. Our accounting majors are eligible for internships, special scholarships and financial aid, and our curriculum emphasizes financial accounting theory and concepts, information generation, auditing, tax determination and planning, and managerial accounting—everything you need to succeed in college and in your career.

Ambrose Advantages

Experience in the business world. Studying accounting at St. Ambrose means getting taught by the best; all our accounting professors have accounting experience in the business world. That gives you an edge on knowing the expectations of your employer.

Skills that employers appreciate. Not only will you graduate with great accounting knowledge, you'll have the benefit of being a well-rounded communicator. Part of your undergraduate coursework will involve honing your written, verbal, and presentation skills—skills that employers and colleagues appreciate.

The language of business. Accounting is the language of business, and at SAU you will learn the complex U.S. and international accounting standards. Along the way, you'll have an accounting faculty member as your adviser to help you with determining your courses and the order in which you take them.

What you can expect. During your accounting studies you can expect:

- > small class sizes
- > real world accounting experiences shared by all faculty members
- > courses that sharpen your team, presentation, and problem-solving skills

Career Opportunities

Some of the primary employment options for accountants are in the areas of: **public accounting**, working for a CPA firm doing attest functions, such as audits or tax planning and preparation; **corporate accounting**, working for firms such as Deere and Caterpillar on



cost accounting, financial accounting, international accounting, internal auditing and tax accounting; **governmental accounting** at the federal, state, or city level, in roles with the FBI, Government Accountability Office, as an **auditor** for a federal agency, with the IRS, as a **bank examiner**, or as a state, county, or city **financial accountant, internal auditor, or budget office accountant**; or for non-profits such as United Way or Red Cross.

Other career options for accounting majors include employment as a **tax specialist, forensic accountant, controller, chief financial officer, financial planner or international accountant**.

Career Outlook

Future career prospects for accounting professionals appear to be very strong:

- > The position of accountant ranks number three among business jobs in the 2014 *U.S. News & World Report* ranking of the 100 best jobs.
- > The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts a 13.1 percent growth rate in accounting jobs through 2022.

- > Accountants rank their position high in the Job Satisfaction category of upward mobility and above average in the category of flexibility.
- > According to the U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics 2014 Occupational Handbook “the continued globalization of business should lead to increased demand for accounting expertise and services related to international trade and international mergers and acquisitions.”

Where Some of Our Graduates Work

A few of the companies that employ St. Ambrose accounting graduates:

- > Caterpillar, corporate accounting
- > Clifton Gunderson LLC, assurance associate
- > Community State Bank, controller
- > Deere & Company Worldwide Construction and Forestry Division, accounting supervisor
- > DeLoitte, tax manager
- > Department of the Army Headquarters, management analyst
- > DLS Accounting, owner
- > Genesis Health Systems, quality financial analyst
- > Harris Bank, credit analyst
- > Isle of Capri Hotel and Casino, internal auditor
- > John Deere Health, billing coordinator
- > Lee Enterprises, Inc., senior accountant
- > McGladrey, director
- > The National Bank, vice president of loan operations
- > Palmer College of Chiropractic, senior director of financial planning
- > Principal Financial Group, accounting specialist
- > self-employed, broker
- > Waterbed Creations, owner

Your Career: Networking, Internships and Jobs in the Quad Cities

The Quad Cities is a welcoming and fun place to live as a college student. More than that, it offers a great community to help you prepare for—or even start—your career. The Mississippi River has long been a driving force behind Quad Cities’ commerce and industry. And with its prime location on the Interstate-80 corridor, the region continues to grow as a center for business and technology. The Quad Cities is home to Fortune 500 corporations and start-up entrepreneurs.

Deere & Company, Alcoa, HON, Kone, Modern Woodmen of America and many other companies that span the globe have

headquarters, branches or administration centers in the Quad City region. These organizations contribute to the Quad Cities’ growing reputation as a center for business and technology, and provide exceptional opportunities for networking, internships and jobs.

Get in Touch With Us Today

We invite you to visit St. Ambrose to learn more about the opportunities here. Our quality academic programs provide one of the best private education values in the Midwest. Check it out for yourself: contact our Admissions Office, 563/333-6300 (toll-free 800/383-2627) or admit@sau.edu, or go online to www.sau.edu.

St. Ambrose University offers a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting and a minor in Accounting. For complete curriculum information and course descriptions, consult the Course Catalog at www.sau.edu/catalog.

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