

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 either our 15-hour Certificate in Advanced Accounting or 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 technology, auditing, tax determination and planning, and managerial accounting—everything you need to succeed in college and in your career.

## Ambrose Advantages

**Relationships with faculty.** Studying accounting at St. Ambrose means getting taught by the best; all our accounting professors have accounting experience in the business world and genuinely want to develop a relationship with you.

**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.

**Experiential learning.** As part of your degree program, you will participate in either a service-learning class or an internship with an employer or both. Our curriculum also includes significant case studies and projects that are grounded in real world scenarios and require you to synthesize knowledge from multiple classes.

**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
- > an abundance of internship and service-learning opportunities



## Career Opportunities

Some of the primary employment options for accountants are in the areas of: **public accounting**, working for a CPA firm on audits or tax engagements for firms like RSM or Deloitte; **corporate accounting**, working for companies 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.

## 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 2019 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.

## Where Some of Our Graduates Work

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

- > Anderson, Lower, Whitlow PC
- > Caterpillar
- > Community State Bank
- > Deere & Company
- > Deloitte
- > Department of the Army Headquarters
- > Genesis Health Systems
- > Isle of Capri Hotel and Casino
- > Lee Enterprises, Inc.
- > RSM
- > Rock Island Arsenal
- > Wipfli, LLP

## 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, Arconic, 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 or [admit@sau.edu](mailto:admit@sau.edu), or go online to [www.sau.edu](http://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](http://www.sau.edu/catalog).*

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