

# Accountancy

The Craig School of Business

## Department of Accountancy

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## B.S. in Business Administration

Option: Accountancy

### The Department

The Department of Accountancy offers an option in accounting within the Bachelor of Science in the Business Administration degree program. This option is designed to be broad enough to provide preparation for a career in public, industrial, or governmental accounting. The accounting topics of tax, information systems, managerial, and financial accounting are covered in sufficient depth to prepare the student for the exams for Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certificate in Management Accounting, or Certificate in Internal Auditing.

### Career Opportunities

A wide variety of professional business opportunities are available to graduates of the Department of Accountancy. The accountancy option prepares students for challenging and rewarding careers in all areas of accounting. Alumni of the Department of Accountancy are found in leadership positions locally, in other areas of California, and throughout the United States. Many of our graduates are currently partners in public accounting firms, officers in corporations, executives in governmental agencies, and successful entrepreneurs.

In conjunction with the department, the University Business Center (located within the school) offers a CPA Review Course twice a year. This course is designed to meet the needs of the serious CPA candidate and covers thoroughly all exam areas: practice, theory, auditing, and business law.

To find out more about career opportunities, students should consult with the faculty in the department. In addition, students with career-related questions are encouraged to contact the Office of Career



Services. Services include career counseling by career information specialists and professional assistance to students and graduates seeking full-time or part-time positions.

### Faculty

The faculty of the Department of Accountancy is comprised of individuals of varied academic and business experience backgrounds. They are specialists in the areas of financial accounting, taxation, cost accounting, auditing, and accounting information systems. Their accumulation of academic preparation and business experience qualifies them to teach both the theoretical and practical applications of accounting.

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### Bachelor of Science Degree Requirements

*Business Administration Major*

All students in the Craig School of Business who are working toward the bachelor

of science degree in business administration must complete, in addition to the university's General Education requirements, a ten-course group of pre-business courses, seven courses of upper-division core, and 23 to 32 units in an area of specialization or option. The pre-business classes include material considered essential for further study in business. The upper-division core classes provide a broad background and a breadth of knowledge and understanding. The option courses enable the student to specialize in a specific area of business and to prepare for effective performance in future employment.

*Units*

#### Pre-Business requirements ..... 20\*

ACCT 4A, 4B; B A 18;

CSB 50; DS 71, 73;

ECON 40 or AG EC 1,

ECON 50, ENGL 1, IS 50

(See *Pre-Business Policy*, page 208.)

#### Upper-division core requirements ..... 27

DS 123; FIN 120; IS 130;

MGT 110 or 104-106, 124,

187; MKTG 100

(See *Statement on Prerequisites*, page 208.)

#### Accountancy Option ..... 31-32

Required courses ..... (12)

ACCT 120A, 120B,  
132

Electives ..... (19-20)

Select five courses from  
the following:

ACCT 144, 145, 146,

148, 162, 165, 167,

189T; B A 150

#### General Education requirements ..... 51

#### Upper-division writing skills requirement ..... 3-4

Business majors must select

either IS 105W or ENGL

160W

(See *Writing Requirements*, page 208.)

*Note:* the Upper-Division Writing Exam is not an option for business administration majors.

#### Electives ..... 0

#### Total ..... 132-134

\*This total indicates that 9 units for DS 71, ECON 50, and ENGL 1 are being used to satisfy the General Education requirement of 51 units.

**Accountancy (ACCT)****3. Essentials of Accounting (3)**

Not open to students majoring in accounting or business administration. Basic concepts in preparation of business financial statements; introduction to understanding, analyzing, and interpreting accounting data by investors, managers, and creditors for decision making, planning, and control. Only minor attention given to record-keeping procedures.

**4A. Financial Accounting Principles and Systems (3)**

Not open to freshmen. Financial accounting; accounting statements, transaction analysis, and data accumulation; partnership and corporation accounting. (CAN BUS 2)

**4B. Managerial Accounting Principles and Systems (3)**

Not open to freshmen. Prerequisite: ACCT 4A. Balance sheet analysis and interpretation: managerial control and information systems; organization, planning, budgeting; cost accumulation and capital budgeting; measuring and reporting performance. (CAN BUS 4)

**120A. Intermediate Accounting I (4)**

Prerequisite: ACCT 4A; DS 71 or equivalent recommended. ACCT 4B and 120A may be taken concurrently. Preparation and analysis of balance sheet and income statements; basic accounting theory and conceptual framework underlying financial accounting; theory of current and fixed assets; theory of current and noncurrent liabilities; and a review of applicable authoritative pronouncements.

**120B. Intermediate Accounting II (4)**

Prerequisite: ACCT 120A; DS 71 or equivalent recommended. An in-depth study of principles, procedures, and reporting requirements in financial accounting as applied to corporate entities; investments; revenue recognition; income tax allocation; pensions; leases; inflation accounting; error correction and principle changes; and cash flow. Special attention is given to authoritative pronouncements.

**132. Cost Accounting (4)**

Prerequisites: ACCT 4A and 4B. DS 71 or equivalent and IS 50 recommended. Industrial cost accounting; general principles of product costing, standard costing, differential costing; master budgeting, flexible budgeting, and capital budgeting; emphasis on the three functions of management - decision making, planning, and control. (3 lecture, 2 lab hours)

**144. Tax Accounting and Planning (4)**

Prerequisite: ACCT 4A. Federal income taxation, research, and planning affecting individuals.

**145. Tax Research and Tax Accounting for Corporations and Partnerships (4)**

Prerequisite: ACCT 144. Methods of tax research using the sources of tax law. Applications of research to tax planning, litigation, administration of a tax practice, and professional responsibilities. Effect of income tax laws on partnerships, corporations, estates, and trusts; estate and gift taxes.

**146. Accounting Information Systems and Controls (4)**

Prerequisites: ACCT 4A and 4B. Design of systems for the collection, organization, and reporting of accounting information. Theory and practice of flowcharting, evaluation of internal accounting controls in computer systems environments, and interrelationships of people, procedures, and equipment. (3 lecture, 2 lab hours)

**148. Accounting for Governmental and Nonprofit Organizations (4)**

Prerequisites: ACCT 120A, 132. Concepts, principles, and problems of accounting for governmental and nonprofit organizations. Budgeting, fund accounting, cost/benefit analysis, cash planning and control, and independent auditing are introduced in the context of making decisions in governmental and nonprofit organizations.

**162. Auditing (4)**

Prerequisites: ACCT 120A, 120B. Objectives and techniques in verification of business financial statements; duties, responsibilities, and professional ethics of the auditor; auditor's reports; analysis of internal controls; audits of computerized systems.

**165. International Accounting (4)**

Prerequisites: ACCT 4A and 4B. Accounting concepts, principles, and methods for multinational corporations. Currency for translation of financial statements, financial reporting, international accounting and auditing standards, and the managerial aspects of multinational transactions.

**167. Advanced Accounting Problems (4)**

Prerequisite: ACCT 120B. Partnership, corporation, governmental, and institutional accounting.

**189T. Topics in Accounting and Auditing (1-4; max total 8 if no topic repeated)**

Prerequisites: 18 units of accounting. Specialized study in a particular area of professional accountancy: accounting theory, auditing, accounting information systems, contemporary developments in financial and managerial accounting, and the practice of accountancy.

**190. Independent Study**

(1-3; max total 6)

See *Academic Placement — Independent Study*. Approved for *SP* grading.

**195. Internship (3; max total 6)**

Prerequisite: permission of internship coordinator. Requires 150 hours of work at a pre-qualified, academically-related work station (business, government or nonprofit agency). As a course substitution, prior department approval required. Only one internship may count towards option requirements. *CR/NC* grading only.

**200 Series Courses**

Graduate courses are listed under *Business — Graduate Program*.