

# ACCOUNTANCY

bachelor of arts

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

Accountants do more for their clients than check records and prepare tax returns. The contemporary accountant is the genius behind all intelligent business decisions and frequently an executive's most trusted advisor. For those who are intrigued by business management and strategy, there is no more challenging profession.

### ADVANTAGE UIS

- **Apply yourself.** Internship opportunities exist for all undergraduate students through UIS' ECCE Applied Study Term. These opportunities enable students to integrate classroom studies with real world, practical experience, and earn credit at the same time. Recent placements include: public accounting firms, state government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, private manufacturing companies, and health care organizations.
- **Faculty expertise.** The department's professors possess both the academic credentials and the real world professional experience necessary for high quality teaching. Visit our website ([www.uis.edu/accountancy](http://www.uis.edu/accountancy)) and read the biographies. Our faculty has been there and done that.

EARNED EXCELLENCE



THE BEST BUSINESS SCHOOLS  
IN THE WORLD

AACSB accreditation is a distinction earned by fewer than 15% of business schools worldwide.

### What can I do with this degree?

Our graduates work as CPAs, internal auditors, tax advisors/accountants, governmental and managerial accountants. Many students choose to go on to earn their master's degree. **Employers include:**

*Deloitte & Touche, LLP*  
*Caterpillar, Inc.*

*State Farm*  
*Illinois Bureau of the Budget*  
*U.S. Internal Revenue Service*

*Teachers Retirement System of Illinois*  
*Grant Thornton, LLP*  
*Illinois Attorney General*  
*Horace Mann*  
*Archer Daniels Midland (ADM)*

### No relics of the past.

Our graduates are light years beyond adding machines and calculators. They use information technology and decision-making technologies to develop financial information to help guide business policies at the highest level.

### And, then again, some people do test well.

Accountancy majors at UIS have demonstrated superior performance on the national CPA examination. First time pass rates for our graduates are well above the national norm. During the past several years, eleven UIS accounting graduates have won the highly acclaimed EXCEL Award (formerly the Elijah Watt Sells Award) for superior performance on the CPA examination. The curriculum also includes elective courses that enable students to prepare for and pass other professional exams in accounting.

### Wise Words

Daniel W. Cadigan, CPA  
Kerber, Eck & Braeckel, LLP

"As the years went by and we picked up publications and read results of the CPA exams, we noticed that always at the top for the success rate of the CPA exam was the University of Illinois Springfield. So we started talking among ourselves. They must be pretty good accountants out there if they are getting that kind of success rate on the CPA exam. So that caused us, I think, to switch gears and do less recruiting out of town, and pretty much just concentrate on UIS."

The goal of the accountancy department is to prepare students for challenging careers and positions of leadership in both the private and public sectors. Specific objectives of the department are 1) to create a professionally oriented learning environment in which disciplinary competencies and professional ethics develop and grow, 2) to emphasize conceptual knowledge and the development of analytical and problem-solving skills, 3) to nurture a sense of personal, professional, and social responsibility, and 4) to serve as an information resource and a networking hub for students, alumni, employers, and professional organizations.

**Faculty** Leonard L. Branson,  
Thomas S. Clausen, Jeffrey L. Decker,  
Karl McDermott, Donald Morris,  
Stephen Owusu-Ansah, Carl Peterson,  
R. Stephen Scott

**Emeritus Faculty** Bonnie M. Moe,  
John S. Nosari, David R. Olson,  
Donald F. Stanhope, John C. Stroope

**The bachelor's degree**

The bachelor's program prepares students for careers in business, government, and nonprofit organizations. The objectives of the program are to develop technical competencies in each of the major areas of accounting, financial, managerial, auditing, and taxation, and to provide students with educational qualifications needed for the professional certifications of certified management accountant (CMA), certified internal auditor (CIA), and certified information systems auditor (CISA).

**Foundation requirements**

All majors in the College of Business and Management require foundation knowledge in accounting, economics, mathematics, statistics, and the behavioral sciences. Students must earn a cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 across all foundation courses. UIS courses that satisfy the foundation knowledge requirements include:

- ACC 211 Introduction to Financial Accounting and
- ACC 212 Introduction to Managerial Accounting
- ECO 213 Statistics for Business and Economics
- MAT 113 Business Calculus (or other calculus)
- ECO 201 Introduction to Microeconomics and
- ECO 202 Introduction to Macroeconomics
- or ECO 315 Economics for Administration
- Behavioral science course (only psychology or sociology)

Coursework equivalent to the above may be accepted upon approval by the student's advisor.

**College Core 21 Hrs.**

The college core is required of all undergraduate College of Business and Management students. Students must earn a cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 across all college core courses.

- ACC 335 Accounting Information Systems\* 3 Hrs.
- BUS 302 Principles of Financial Management 3 Hrs.
- BUS 312 Principles of Marketing 3 Hrs.
- BUS 322 Principles of Operations Management 3 Hrs.
- BUS 331 Business and Society 3 Hrs.
- MGT 310 Managing Organizational Behavior 3 Hrs.
- MGT 488 Strategic Management: The Capstone\*\* 3 Hrs.

\*Accountancy majors must take this course to fulfill the Principles of MIS 352 requirement for the college core.  
\*\*Prerequisite: All college core courses, and within 12 hours of graduation or during the student's last semester. A minimum grade of C (2.00) is required in MGT 488.

**Major requirements 21 Hrs.**

To earn a Bachelor's in Accountancy a student must:

- Complete at least 54 semester hours from a 4 year baccalaureate-granting institution;
- Complete at least 48 semester hours of upper-division (300-400 level) coursework;
- Complete at least one half of his or her business coursework at UIS (college core and major); and
- Earn a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00 across all courses required for the major.

All Accountancy majors must complete 21 core credit hours to fulfill the Accountancy core requirements.

- ACC 321 Intermediate Financial Accounting I 3 Hrs.
- ACC 322 Intermediate Financial Accounting II 3 Hrs.
- ACC 324 Intermediate Financial Accounting III 3 Hrs.
- ACC 433 Intermediate Managerial Accounting 3 Hrs.
- ACC 443 Federal Income Taxation 3 Hrs.
- ACC 464 Auditing Concepts and Responsibilities 3 Hrs.
- ACC Elective 3 Hrs.

**General Elective 4-5 Hrs.**

**ECCE Requirements 13-14 Hrs.**

**Total 60 Hrs.**

With advisor approval, community college transfer students who complete coursework equivalent to ACC 321, 322 and 324 with a grade of B or better, may not be required to complete these courses at UIS. Acceptance of Accountancy core transfer credit is subject to departmental approval.

Students must complete a minimum of 12 hours in Accountancy prefix courses (ACC) at the UIS College of Business and Management.

**Accountancy MINOR**

To earn a minor in accountancy, students must complete at least 15 hours of Accountancy courses, including three upper division Accountancy courses at UIS. An overall GPA of 2.00 in Accountancy coursework is required to earn the accountancy minor.

- ACC 211 Introduction to Financial Accounting (or equivalent)
- ACC 212 Introduction to Managerial Accounting (or equivalent)
- ACC 321 Intermediate Financial Accounting I
- ACC 433 Intermediate Managerial Accounting
- One upper division accountancy course from UIS

Students should consult their academic advisor to ensure that the requirements for a minor are met.

**Visit our website for more information on**

- UIS Admission Requirements
- Accountancy Bachelor's Degree
- Accountancy Master's Degree
- Transfer Credit Requirements
- Application for Admission
- Financial Aid

**To view course descriptions**  
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