



COLLEGE OF
BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION

Accounting

Winthrop's Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics offers students the opportunity to excel in the accounting profession. Critical skills for a successful career in an increasingly competitive world.

Careers

With a B.S. degree in business administration with a concentration in accounting, students are in a position to offer employers a skill set and training which is highly sought and thus most marketable around the world.

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The Major

By studying accounting, students acquire the essential technical abilities and critical thinking skills required to be a leader in communicating the language of business.

Courses are designed to expand the student's horizons beyond the traditional view of accounting as strictly a record keeping function. Students learn the role of the accountant as a key member of the senior management team contributing on a regular basis to the betterment of the organization. Students learn to analyze business situations, prepare reports and present their findings. They learn about the vital importance of being an excellent oral and written communicator.

The Program

Students complete 21 credit hours of course work which includes transaction analysis, financial statement preparation and interpretation, auditing, cost determination and control of products and services, taxation of individuals, partnerships and corporations and accounting information systems. The accounting program is designed to provide students the necessary course work that will enable them to become leaders in the accounting fields. The accounting undergraduate program allows the students to earn 124 of the 150 credit hours required to become eligible to be a licensed Certified Public Accountant.

In addition students have the opportunity to participate in an accounting internship. The internships are offered in the areas of public accounting, merchandising, manufacturing and service entities, not-for-profit entities, and local, state and federal government

agencies. Internships are offered all over the United States as well as internationally.

Internships are intended to help place the student on the path to permanent placement with their internship employer. More than 90 percent of interns receive offers of permanent employment.

Student Organizations

The department sponsors two student accounting organizations. Beta Alpha Psi, the international honor society for students studying accounting, finance and information systems is open to students earning a 3.2 cumulative GPA and who complete a semester long candidacy period. Members of Beta Alpha Psi participate in monthly professional and service activities that enhance their entrée to the professional community. Beta Alpha Psi members are also eligible to participate in annual regional and international meetings.

The National Association of Black Accountants, NABA, is open to all students and engages in activities to help develop students' professional perspectives opportunities. The students are encouraged to take advantage of an extensive network of professionals which culminates annually with a nationwide conference held in Atlanta where employers recruit for internship and permanent placement positions.

Scholarships

Graduate assistantships are offered on a regular basis plus opportunities to work as student consultants in the Small Business Development Center located in the Winthrop University College of Business Administration. There are also scholarships available through the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, South Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants, National Association of Black Accountants, American Association of Women in Accounting and the Institute of Internal Auditors.

Certifications

There is a significant need for certified accountants in all areas of accounting. The accounting program is designed to prepare the students to continue the course work that will enable them to become Certified Public Accountants, Certified Managerial Accountants or Certified Internal Auditors. The accounting undergraduate program allows the student to earn 124 hours of the 150 hours to become eligible to be licensed a Certified Public Accountant. The remaining 26 hours may be earned by the student continuing their education by completing the Winthrop University M.B.A. with accounting emphasis program or by electing to pursue a similar program at another institution.

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With a B.S. degree in business administration with a concentration in accounting, students are in a position to offer employers a skill set and training which is highly sought and thus most marketable around the world. Students have opportunities for careers with the Big Four Accounting Firms, large second-tier international accounting firms, regional accounting firms, local accounting firms, major merchandising, manufacturing and service companies and local, state and federal government agencies. The accounting degree opens career paths in banking, finance and similar fields.

Faculty

The faculty members in the Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics have extensive and varied academic backgrounds. Drs. Breakfield, Coleman, Maas and Pierce and Professor Alvis have all worked as Certified Public Accountants; Professor Sharma is seeking his CPA certificate, and all have taught accounting for many years. They have advanced degrees in the fields they teach, pursue active research agendas and participate in many professional organizations and conferences. Majors and minors in the department have many opportunities to interact with their professors in the classroom, during advising sessions and in other departmental activities.



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