

Accountants speak the language of business, make sure that the organizations operate efficiently and ensure controls are in place for accurate and reliable financial information. Accountants must be skilled in preparing, analyzing, and verifying financial documents for clients, as well as providing services ranging from budget analysis to financial planning. The **Bachelor of Science in Accounting** prepares you to enter the accounting profession in a variety of public, governmental, and business managerial positions. Students may take this program as either full-time or part-time student.

## Outstanding Preparation

Today's complex business environment requires that accountants possess a broader range of skills than was needed in the past. As a GSU Accounting student, you will acquire technical knowledge, and the ability to analyze complex accounting and business issues and the skills to effectively communicate with all levels of management.

Students who successfully complete the 120 credit hour B.S. in Accounting degree at GSU meet all CPA exam curriculum requirements but may need additional credit hours to meet the 150 credit hour requirement to sit for the CPA exam in Illinois. Graduate degrees are common ways students meet the 150 credit hour requirement for the CPA exam. Completion of the B.S. in Accounting program allows you to make a seamless transition to the Master of Science in Accounting program or Master of Business Administration.

## Facts

- Accounting is one of the **hottest job sectors** in the Chicago area (*Crain's Chicago Business, 2014*).
- **Employment** of accountants and auditors is projected to **grow faster** than the average for all occupations, according to the U.S. Department of Labor (*Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-17 Edition*).
- Accounting professionals with a **graduate degree** or certification such as the CPA license, **make 5 to 15% higher salaries** (*Robert Half's 2016 Salary Guide for Accounting and Finance*).

## Assurance of Quality

AACSB accreditation is the highest sign of quality among business programs, demonstrating the relevancy and currency of our faculty, programs, and courses.

## Learn More!

Take the next step. Contact an academic advisor today.

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## Degree Requirements

Students must meet all university and college requirements for a bachelor's degree as specified in the GSU catalog.

### I. General Education Requirements (37 – 38 Hours)

#### Communications (9 Hours)

- Written Communication (6)
- Oral Communication (3)

#### Mathematics (3 Hours)

- Elementary Statistics

#### Social and Behavioral Science (9 Hours)

- Principles of Microeconomics (3)
- Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
- One additional non-economics social science course (3)

#### Humanities and Fine Arts (9 Hours)

- One Humanities course (3)
- One Fine Arts Course (3)
- One Humanities or Fine Arts Course (3)

#### Physical and Life Sciences (7 – 8 Hours)

[One science must have a lab]

- Life Science (3 – 4)
- Physical Science (3 – 4)

### II. Business Program Requirements (45 hours)

- Financial Accounting (3)
- Managerial Accounting (3)
- Finite Math or Applied Calculus (3)
- Basics of Information Technology (3)
- Statistics for Management II (3)
- Business Law I (3)
- Introduction to Marketing Management (3)
- Principles of Business Management (3)

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- Principles of Financial Management (3)
- Business Communications (3)
- Business Ethics and Social Responsibility (3)
- Organizational Behavior (3)
- Globalization of Business (3)
- Strategic Management (capstone) (3)

### III. Accounting Core (18 Hours)

- Cost Accounting I (3)
- Intermediate Accounting I (3)
- Intermediate Accounting II (3)
- Accounting Information Systems (3)
- Tax I (3)
- Auditing I (3)

### IV. Accounting Selectives (9 Hours)

Select three of the following courses:

- Cost Accounting II (3)
- Advanced Accounting (3)
- Tax II (3)
- Auditing II (3)
- Government and Nonprofit Accounting (3)
- Internship (3)

### V. Electives (10 – 11 Hours)

**Note:** Students preparing for professional certifications should choose electives listed below.

C.I.A. Examination recommended course: Auditing II

C.M.A. Examination recommended courses:  
Cost Accounting II, Managerial Economics, and  
Production and Operations Management

C.P.A. Examination recommended courses:  
Advanced Accounting, Tax II, and Auditing II

**Total – 120 Hours**

