

# BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION MAJOR: ACCOUNTING OPTION (B.S.)

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## Description

The **Option in Accounting** prepares students for careers in a “recession proof profession” with excellent placement and salary statistics.

Accounting is referred to as the “language of business” because all businesses rely on accounting information for decision-making.

Because accounting is inherently subjective, accounting students learn the analytical skills necessary to make idiosyncratic decisions.

However, in contrast to other professions, accountants also learn a technical knowledge base that allows them to understand how accounting choices can affect the information used for decision-making in all disciplines. This deeper understanding of business data helps accounting professionals provide value to clients and employers.

Because every business relies on accounting information, accounting students can select an industry and position that aligns with their personal interests. Examples of commonly selected positions include audit, tax, financial consulting, and management. The Option provides students with the requisite knowledge to obtain certifications in a variety of areas, including accounting (CPA), management (CMA), internal auditing (CIA), forensics (CFE), and information systems (CISA). Students may also take advantage of the four-one (5 year) program to earn a M.S. in Accounting at Paul College, which can speed career progression. Irrespective of the position or educational pathway an individual student selects, the demand for accounting professionals exceeds supply, making accounting a great career choice.

## Requirements

A typical plan of study follows, showing the major-required courses. Students take 16-18 credits per semester. Discovery Program requirements (including the Inquiry requirement in the first two years) and elective courses are taken as well. Students are expected to follow this course plan. In the first three semesters, students cannot take more than two major courses in a single semester. The options have additional requirements as noted. For a detailed schedule/plan of study for each option, students should check with the Paul College Undergraduate Programs and Advising Office for specific recommendations.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Business Administration core requirements</b>		
<b>ADMN courses:</b>		
ADMN 400	Introduction to Business	4
ADMN 403	Computing Essentials for Business	1
ADMN 410	Management Information Systems	4
ADMN 502	Financial Accounting	4
ADMN 503	Managerial Accounting	4
ADMN 510	Business Statistics	4
ADMN 570	Introduction to Financial Management	4
ADMN 575	Behavior in Organizations	4
ADMN 580	Quantitative Decision Making	4
ADMN 585	Marketing	4

ADMN 775	Strategic Management: Decision Making <sup>1</sup>	4
<b>Other subject code courses:</b>		
ECON 401	Principles of Economics (Macro)	4
ECON 402	Principles of Economics (Micro)	4
MATH 422	Mathematics for Business Applications	4
or MATH 424A	Calculus for Social Sciences	
PHIL 431	Business Ethics	4
PAUL 405	Freshman Academic Experience I	1
PAUL 406	Freshman Academic Experience II	1
PAUL 660	BiP-Social Intelligence Topics <sup>2</sup>	2
PAUL 670	BiP-Analytical Intelligence Topics <sup>2</sup>	2
PAUL 680	BiP-Competitive Intelligence Topics <sup>2</sup>	2
PAUL 690	BiP-Professional Intelligence Topics <sup>2</sup>	2

- <sup>1</sup> This is the capstone course in the business administration program, and satisfies the capstone requirement of the Discovery Program. Students may be required to concurrently enroll in ADMN 700 PAUL Assessment of Core Knowledge (zero credits) for AACSB accreditation purposes.
- <sup>2</sup> Students may satisfy PAUL 660, PAUL 670, PAUL 680, PAUL 690 requirements through other courses/experiences with approved intelligence attributes assigned.

Depending on the choice of option and the specific requirements thereof, students may be able to take PAUL or non-PAUL electives in their junior or senior year.

## Option in Accounting

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required courses:</b>		
ACC 721	Intermediate Financial Accounting I	4
ACC 722	Intermediate Financial Accounting II	4
ACC 723	Advanced Managerial Accounting	4
ACC 724	Auditing	4
ACC 726	Introduction to Federal Taxation	4
MGT 647	Business Law I	4
<b>Select one of the following:</b>		
ACC 727	Financial Statement Analysis	4
ACC 720	Topics in Accounting	
ACC 725	Independent Studies in Accounting	
ACC 799	Honors Thesis in Accounting	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>28</b>

## Student Learning Outcomes

- Students will demonstrate proficiency in the core content areas of business.
- Students will think critically to address business situations.
- Students will demonstrate communication skills to interact effectively in business situations.
- Students will identify and understand the ethical dimensions and implications of business decisions.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to analyze a business situation by applying a multiple stakeholder lens.
- Students will demonstrate an understanding of business practices as they relate to local, national and global competitiveness.