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.

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.