

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING

The Bachelor of Science in Accounting prepares students for careers in auditing and public accounting, industrial and managerial accounting, and governmental and nonprofit accounting. It also provides a sound background for students who plan to pursue graduate studies in accounting or related fields.

The degree program's mission is to develop lifelong learners in core business disciplines through the acquisition and dissemination of knowledge and the integration of research, as well as the real-life experience provided by internships and other partnerships with the business community.

Courses are offered days and evenings to meet the needs of both traditional and adult learners.

The Global Marketplace

The Accounting degree is designed to prepare graduates to perform effectively in a global business environment and respond to the challenges posed by a diverse workforce. Students will develop the necessary skills and abilities to successfully respond to the challenges of an increasingly diverse worldwide economic structure.

Graduate Education

Students in the Accounting degree program will be well prepared to enter graduate school. In addition, graduates will have all required courses necessary to pursue professional designations such as Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Certified Management Accountant (CMA).



Job Titles and Salaries

The following is a list of job titles and salaries, which was compiled from the Bureau of Labor and Statistics *Occupational Outlook Handbook*. This is only a partial list to provide you examples of the kinds of jobs available to graduates with a B.S. in Accounting. Some positions require additional experience.

Title	2018 Median Pay
Accountant/Auditor	\$70,500
Budget Analyst	\$76,220
Cost Estimator	\$64,040
Financial Analyst	\$85,660
Financial Manager	\$127,990
Management Analyst	\$83,610
Personal Financial Advisor	\$88,890
Tax Examiners and Collector	\$54,440



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This major prepares students for careers in public, corporate, not-for-profit, and governmental accounting and also provides an appropriate background for those planning to enter law school or graduate school. Accountants develop and interpret historical and prospective financial data required for decision-making by managers, investors, regulators, and other stakeholders. To perform their functions, accountants must synthesize both numerical and qualitative information, communicate it clearly, and function effectively as individuals and in teams.

The field of accounting is diverse and offers students the opportunity to be generalists or concentrate in one of the following:

Corporate Control & Financial Management

Graduates can take positions in industry, government, and business advisory services doing financial planning, analysis, control, and decision support.

Internal Auditing & Assessment

Internal auditors are employed by the organization they audit. Internal auditing is a systematic approach to evaluating and improving the effectiveness of risk management, control, and governance processes.

Public Accounting

Public accounting is carried on by independent practitioners, most of whom are Certified Public Accountants (CPAs). In addition to statutory audits, CPAs render other assurance, tax, and management advisory services.

Other Fields for Accounting Professionals

Many accounting graduates are also in demand from financial firms to assist in managing investment plans, project planning, monitoring and evaluation, and financial analysis. Graduates also pursue careers as actuaries working with insurance and pension plan service firms, as well as professional positions in the fields of logistics management, purchasing efficiencies, and cost management, specifically in the areas of manufacturing and agriculture.

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Admission Process

Applying for degree admission to Penn State Berks is simple. Applications are available on the web at berks.psu.edu. Penn State reviews applications throughout the year. Students can expect a decision within four to six weeks after completing the process. Contact the Berks Admissions Office with your questions at 610-396-6060.

Transfer Students

Penn State Berks welcomes students who began their education at other institutions. Contact the Berks Admissions Office with your transfer questions at 610-396-6060.

Financial Aid

Eligibility for all financial aid is determined by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form available on the web at fafsa.ed.gov. Contact the financial aid coordinator at Berks or visit psu.edu/studentaid for a complete description of the types of available student aid and the application process at 610-396-6070.

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