

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Almost every company requires accounting services. There are over 42,000 accounting firms in the US today. A few of the companies currently employing UCA accounting graduates are listed below:

- Acxiom
- AR Division of Legislative Audit
- Bell and Company
- BKD, LLP
- Deloitte
- Donna S. Stephens, LTD.
- Ernst and Young
- Hudson, Cisne, and Co.
- JPMS Cox
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Thomas & Thomas
- Windstream

## FACTS ABOUT THE ACCOUNTING PROFESSION

When Chief Financial Officers (CFOs) were asked what skills are most important, aside from financial expertise, they replied:

1. Technology expertise
2. Communication skills
3. General business knowledge
4. Leadership abilities

Of CFOs, 85% believe that professional certification helps in career advancement.

Women currently comprise 60% of the accounting workforce.

Starting salaries for new accounting graduates range from \$30,000 to \$50,000 depending on qualification and location. A master's degree often adds 10%, and a CPA certificate adds 10%.

Some accountants carry guns! The FBI, IRS, US Postal Service, and other government agencies hire accountants as special agents.

For more information about the profession of accountancy check the following web pages:

[www.aicpa.org/nolimits/index.htm](http://www.aicpa.org/nolimits/index.htm)  
[www.computercpa.com](http://www.computercpa.com)  
[www.accountantsworld.com](http://www.accountantsworld.com)

## BENEFITS OF BEING A UCA ACCOUNTING MAJOR

### • A job when you graduate!

There is a great demand for accounting graduates. Every company earns money and needs an accountant.

### • Great Salaries

Accounting majors receive job offers up to a year in advance with starting salaries of up to \$45,000 or more.

### • Career Opportunities

Graduates work in public accounting, a variety of industries, and in government. An accounting background provides the opportunity to pursue MANY career paths other than just accounting including working for the FBI investigating white-collar crime. As your career progresses you can stay in accounting or move into other business areas.

### • Rewarding Work

Serving clients is rewarding work. As an accountant you often are asked to provide a professional opinion to those who manage companies.

### • Financial Know-How

You actually understand discussions of financial topics. And taxes are not a mystery to you.

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Visit us on the Web to find out more about our program and watch a brief video entitled "What is Accounting" about what accountants do and where they work.

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# BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION with a major in ACCOUNTING

at the  
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## UCA ACCOUNTING PROGRAM

A Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) with a major in Accounting from the University of Central Arkansas (UCA) is well respected nationwide and has provided a foundation for many great careers. UCA accounting majors have served as Chief Executive Officers of major corporations and as partners of international Certified Public Accounting (CPA) firms. Our graduates own CPA firms, serve as corporate Chief Financial Officers, direct government agencies, and hold positions as controllers and staff accountants in firms across the United States and internationally. Many UCA Accounting graduates continue their studies in law school and become successful attorneys.

Our graduates are successful because of their abilities, their education, and the network of UCA graduates they join. The UCA Department of Accounting has a network of over 1700 accounting graduates that are willing to assist new UCA graduates in finding employment in the industry and in helping their fellow alumni be successful in their careers. The accounting education received at UCA is valuable experience as evidenced by the success of our graduates on the CPA exam and in their careers. The curriculum is reviewed periodically by a group of accounting practitioners to insure that our graduates are kept up to date on the latest developments in the accounting profession. The UCA College of Business is fully accredited by the Association for the Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).



## COURSE OF STUDY

To complete an accounting degree at UCA requires a total of 124 semester hours, which are summarized in the table below:

Course Type	Courses	Hours
General Education	15	47
Accounting Courses	12	36
Business Courses	11	33
Electives	3	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>124</b>

Generally, accounting majors take the 12 accounting courses beginning in their sophomore year according to the following plan of study (prerequisites are listed in parentheses):

### Sophomore year:

- ACCT 2310 Principles of Accounting I
- ACCT 2311 Principles of Accounting II (2310)

### Junior year:

- ACCT 3311 Intermediate Accounting I (2311)
- ACCT 3312 Intermediate Accounting II (3311)
- ACCT 3315 Cost Accounting (2311)
- ACCT 3316 Individual Taxation (2311)
- ACCT 3320 Accounting Information Systems (3311 and MIS 2343)

### Senior year:

- ACCT 4304 Accounting for Government and Not-for-Profit Organizations (2311), a writing intensive course
- ACCT 4312 Advanced Accounting (3312)
- ACCT 4315 Advanced Cost Accounting (3315)
- ACCT 4316 Advanced Income Tax (3316)
- ACCT 4317 Auditing (3312 and 3320)

### Fast Track

The accounting degree can be completed in three years including summer school with proper scheduling.

### Internships

The Accounting Department also encourages students to participate in the internship program. An internship allows academic credit for working in an accounting setting. Participation in the internship program improves a student's academic performance, provides a better understanding of what accountants do, and can make the student more marketable.

## THE CPA CERTIFICATE

The CPA certificate is recognized around the world as the most prestigious professional credential an accountant may obtain. The certificate is awarded to candidates of good moral character who pass an examination and meet specific education and experience requirements (which vary from state to state). The CPA examination has four parts: Business Environment & Concepts, Auditing & Attestation, Financial Accounting & Reporting, and Regulation. Historically, UCA graduates have performed well on the CPA exam with an above average pass rate. Students must earn 150 hours of college credit to sit for the CPA exam. To earn the additional hours above the 124 provided by the BBA, many students seek a Master's degree.

## MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

The Master of Accountancy (MAcc) at UCA provides advanced, in-depth training in accounting, business, and leadership for those individuals engaged in or seeking professional careers in accounting. The program is a comprehensive curriculum that develops students' conceptual and technical accounting competencies, communication skills, research and analytical abilities, and leadership skills. Due to continuous changes in the global business environment, accountants need more knowledge than ever before. The MAcc program helps to provide students with the skills necessary to be successful in a rapidly changing business environment. The program focuses on the common body of knowledge recommended by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Consequently, graduates are well prepared to sit for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Examination.

### When to apply

Students may apply after completing the undergraduate degree or during their senior year.

### Early Admission and Concurrent Enrollment

Seniors in their last undergraduate semester may enroll in two graduate courses as an undergraduate to apply toward their MAcc degree. To take advantage of this opportunity, seniors must have approval from the MAcc advisor and must have completed the graduate school application, meeting all the requirements for admission except completion of the baccalaureate degree.