ABOUT THE MAJOR

Accounting teaches you to track and measure business transactions, process information, prepare reports, and communicate results to decision makers. You will study the methods of recording, reporting, and examining the financial information and economic outlook of a business. In addition to the concentration, you will complete a broad base of general business courses, and complete coursework needed to take the CPA certification exam. You have the option of adding an accounting specialization to your major.

Skills and abilities this major develops includes: analysis, critical thinking, strategic planning, and research.

OPPORTUNITIES AFTER GRADUATION

Career Opportunities

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of accountants and auditors is expected to grow 11% from 2014 to 2024, faster than the average for all occupations. Accountants who earn CPA certification should have the best prospects. Competition for jobs with prestigious accounting and business firms will be strong, and further graduate study will give candidates an edge in landing a position.

Salary Information

According to the IUPUI First Destination Survey 2017, the average starting salary reported for accounting majors was $45,000 to $49,000. The median starting salary for accounting majors for the class of 2016 was $55,000, according to the National Association of College and Employers (NACE, 2017).

(This section is intended for informational purposes, not prediction of actual salary.)

Graduate & Professional School Paths

In addition to CPA coursework, many accountants will climb a career ladder than could include management, directorship, or chief financial officer. There are various specializations such as Certified Management Accountant, Certified Internal Auditor, and Certified Information Systems Auditor, which require work experience and additional examinations.

WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION

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American Institute of CPAs
www.AICPA.org

Kelley Indianapolis Career Center
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kelley.iupui.edu/careers

Sample Coursework:

• Cost accounting
• Internal auditing
• Taxation
• Financial accounting
• Auditing
• Ethics and leadership
• Economics

Possible Careers:

• Actuary
• Bank officer
• Financial analyst
• Investment banker
• IRS investigator
• Underwriter

Where Could I Work?

• Accounting firms
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• Nonprofit organizations
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