

ACCOUNTING

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

With a national increase in the demand for accountants, a degree from the School of Business with a major in accounting is a wise career choice. Demand is high in all areas of accounting but especially in the health care, nonprofit, government and taxation sectors.

Mount Mary University's accounting program is a rigorous degree program that provides in-depth skills and knowledge in accounting with an emphasis on leadership and ethics. By going through the program, you will graduate with the skills you will need to be a responsible and skilled accountant. The curriculum allows you to enhance your business knowledge, problem-solving skills, analytical thinking skills, leadership experience, effective communication skills and computer skills, all while learning essential accounting principles.

CPA Exam

Mount Mary's accounting major prepares you to sit for the certified public accountant (CPA) exam. Professional recognition through certification or licensure provides a distinct advantage in the job market. Mount Mary requires a minimum of 128 credits for a bachelor's degree. The Accounting Exam Board of the State of Wisconsin allows you to take the CPA exam upon degree completion but requires 150 college credits to be licensed as a CPA. You can obtain these additional credits through various undergraduate course offerings or by pursuing a Master of Business Administration (MBA).

Additional Programs in the School of Business

- **Certificate Program in Accounting**

For students who already hold a bachelor's degree, Mount Mary welcomes you to return to school for a certificate in accounting. The accounting certificate is ideal for individuals looking for a career change. The course offerings meet the requirement to sit for the CPA exam upon completion of the certificate.

- **Minors**

Students may choose to add a business dimension to a major in other departments by selecting a minor in entrepreneurship, business merchandising, or business administration.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Mount Mary accounting graduates find employment in a variety of sectors including public accounting, government entities, non-profit organizations, manufacturers, investment firms, banking and others. Most graduates sit for the CPA exam, adding to their employment potential.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

When you are a junior, Mount Mary encourages you to join the Wisconsin Institute of Certified Public Accountants (WICPA) and/or the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) as a student member. Throughout your college career, you also can participate in one of many student organizations on campus such as serving as a representative in the Student Government Association or as the business manager for the student feature magazine, Arches.

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For additional information about Mount Mary University's School of Business, visit: mtmary.edu/business

MAJOR

CORE

ELECTIVES

FRESHMAN YEAR

FALL Courses		SPRING Courses	
FYS 100 First Year Seminar	3	ENG 120 College Research Writing	3
ENG 110 Intro to College Writing	3	Artistic Inquiry Core	3
COM 105 Professional Presentations	3	Civic Engagement Core	4
MAT 105 Algebra I	4	MAT 111 Algebra II	4
BUS 109 Data and Digital Literacy	3	BUS 302 Macroeconomics	2
TOTAL	16 credits	TOTAL	16 credits

SOPHOMORE YEAR

FALL Courses		SPRING Courses	
Human Connection Core	3	Scientific Inquiry Core	3
BUS 205 Personal Finance	3	Global Perspectives Core	3
BUS 211 Financial Accounting	3	BUS 212 Managerial Accounting	3
BUS 301 Microeconomics	3	MAT 216 Statistics	4
BUS 303 International Bus & Economics	3	Elective	3
TOTAL	15 credits	TOTAL	16 credits

JUNIOR YEAR

FALL Courses		SPRING Courses	
ENG 419 Technical and Business Communication	3	Theology Course	3
BUS 313 Intermediate Accounting I	3	BUS 314 Intermediate Accounting II	3
BUS 401 Income Tax Accounting I	3	BUS 402 Income Tax Accounting II	3
BUS 462 Finance	3	BUS 362 Principles of Management	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
TOTAL	15 credits	TOTAL	15 credits

SENIOR YEAR

FALL Courses		SPRING Courses	
BUS 411 Auditing	3	BUS 336 Accounting Information Systems	3
BUS 451 Advanced Accounting	3	BUS 355 Cost Accounting	3
BUS 485 Business Analytics	3	BUS 375 Business Law	3
BUS 498 Internship	1	BUS 470 Strategic Management	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
TOTAL	13 credits	TOTAL	15 credits

UPDATED MARCH 2024

This example four-year plan is intended to outline the number and types of courses a student might take in order to fulfill the degree, major, core and elective requirements to graduate. Students meet with their academic advisor each semester to review progress toward fulfilling their degree requirements.



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