



# ACCOUNTING

## Major in Accounting

Building on a strong liberal arts foundation, Georgia College's undergraduate accounting program provides an intensive study of accounting theory and technical knowledge, while emphasizing the communication, interpersonal and critical thinking skills necessary for success as an accounting professional.

Accounting majors learn how to create, maintain and audit a detailed and accurate system that displays the finances of a business or organization. They study the theory behind accounting and learn how to analyze the financial position of a firm or organization. Future employers highly value skills like organization, attention to detail, good time management, leadership and communication, which accounting majors may develop over the course of their degree program.

## Next Steps

Georgia College accounting majors who meet entrance requirements for the Master of Accountancy may commence graduate classes during the senior year of their undergraduate program. This provides a seamless option for you to transition into graduate school.

The Master of Accountancy (MAcc) emphasizes graduate-level accounting topics and business skills in areas identified by the profession as critical for success in a challenging and dynamic business environment.

The 30-semester credit-hour program provides you with the opportunity to satisfy the education requirements for licensure as a Certified Public accountant (CPA). Additionally, the required CPA Exam Review course allows you to earn course credit while preparing for success on the exam. The MAcc is open to graduates from all majors. If your undergraduate degree is in something other than accounting, we will work with you to develop a course of study tailored to your needs. This will normally include up to 36 semester credit hours of foundation courses followed by 30 hours of graduate courses.

## Develop Skills

**critical thinking** analysis  
**software** **problem-solving**  
financial preparation **spreadsheets**  
**developing expertise**  
**software** accounting practices  
**monitoring compliance**  
writing **decision-making**  
**data collection** critical thinking  
**communication Excel**  
**problem-solving** organization  
**software** systems analysis  
organizational skills **software**  
**database reporting**  
**math data analysis**  
time management financial prep  
business acumen **clerical knowledge**  
**quantitative reasoning**

**...the possibilities are endless.**

## Accounting Employment Tracks

### Public Accounting

Public accounting firms are hired by businesses as independent experts to audit financial statements to verify the appropriate accounting principles have been followed. Public accountants also prepare tax returns for clients and offer advice on a wide variety of financial, investment, and operating issues. Public accountants serve multiple clients and have exposure to a wide variety of businesses.

### Industry Accounting

Industry or corporate accountants are employed by a single firm. Businesses of every size need accountants. These accountants perform functions at all levels from analyzing and recording individual transactions, to preparing financial statements and tax returns, to overseeing company-wide budget and finance activities. These accountants become extremely knowledgeable about their own firms.

### Governmental Accounting

Governmental accountants are employed at all levels of government to analyze and record transactions, prepare and review budgets, and safeguard the assets of government units. These accountants specialize in the unique governmental accounting procedures.

## Explore and Engage with Accounting



Attend annual Welcome Back Accounting Department event



Attend the accounting-specific career fair



Attend Beta Alpha Psi function or event



Complete an internship



Meet with a faculty member



Talk to your academic advisor



Meet with a career advisor to discuss your plan



Connect with 'Georgia College - Accounting' group on LinkedIn

## Recent employers at GC for Accounting majors



Frazier & Deeter, LLC



Grant Thornton

## Median Starting Salary

for Accounting majors

**\$55,000\***

\*based on GC First Destination Surveys, 2019 - 2022

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