ACCOUNTING - BS

Accounting professionals play a key role as decision-makers in all organizations. They are relied on for their critical thinking, communication, and technical skills. Accounting is a versatile major and allows the graduate to work in a variety of roles. Common career paths include public accounting, internal audit, financial analysis, management accounting, and income tax accounting. Accounting is also a basic preparation for fraud and forensic accountants, consultants, and work in not-for-profit organizations.

The accounting major will prepare you for these many career options. Students will study financial and managerial accounting, intermediate accounting, auditing, tax accounting, auditing, finance, and business law. As part of the business core, accounting students will also study leadership, management, business analysis, and global business. Students will develop a well-rounded business education.

Accounting is one of the best majors in terms of career options, high compensation, quick career advancement, and career placement after graduation. For students who can think critically, communicate effectively, and develop the ability to analyze and interpret financial information, a career in accounting may be a good fit.

Public accounting emphasizes auditing, consulting and tax functions, while management accounting emphasizes cost accounting, budgeting, financial statement preparation and analysis and internal auditing.

Government accountants can work at any level of government to analyze and oversee the performance and allocation of funds. Internal auditing emphasizes compliance with organizational policies, accounting controls, accounting systems and operating effectiveness and efficiency. Accountants are also in demand for nonprofit organizations that need specialized expertise in finance, accounting, and policies unique to them as well as financial statement preparation.

Opportunity for advancement is one of the most appealing aspects of professional accounting. Public accountants frequently advance to positions with more responsibility within one or two years. Those who excel may become supervisors, managers or partners; may open their own public accounting, tax or consulting firms; may transfer to executive positions in management accounting; or may become internal auditors in private firms. Management accountants may advance to positions such as accounting manager, chief cost accountant, budget director or manager of internal auditing. Some become controllers, treasurers, financial vice presidents, chief financial officers or corporation presidents. Many senior corporate executives have a background in accounting, internal auditing or finance.

At St. Kate's, students have the opportunity to learn, work and study with accounting faculty who have real-world experience that enriches their theoretical expertise. St. Kate's accounting major offers hands-on experience, internship options, and small classes of 14-20 students. Accounting graduates have secured jobs in their field upon graduation, at leading firms such as PwC, KPMG, Deloitte, 3M, Ecolab, General Mills, and CliftonLarsonAllen.

Each state is responsible for establishing Certified Public Accountant (CPA) licensure rules and eligibility requirements for taking the CPA exam. With a major in accounting from St. Kate's students will meet Minnesota State Board of Accountancy requirements and will be eligible to sit for the CPA exam. Upon passing the CPA exam students apply for certification. To become certified students must have earned 150 credit hours in undergraduate or graduate course work. In the state of Minnesota individuals have three years upon CPA exam completion to earn the additional 20 credits. To meet this requirement, students can complete an additional 20 credits in undergraduate or graduate courses at St. Kate's.

Common Aspects of All Business Majors

St. Kate's offers a values-based business education built upon a foundation of liberal arts and guided by the following mission: Grounded in Catholic social teaching, the Department of Business Administration at St. Catherine University delivers a transformative business education, empowering students to develop performance-ready expertise, adaptability, and confidence to become ethical and effective leaders in their chosen field.

In the classroom, students work to successfully master business fundamentals and gain an appreciation for the interrelated nature of business functions—tools necessary for navigating a global, competitive business environment. By conducting online research and preparing computer-based presentations, students learn to incorporate technology into solutions for business problems and become prepared for careers in worldwide, decentralized organizations. Examples of this type of essential, highly-relevant coursework are collected in each student's business portfolio, serving as a showcase of academic accomplishments required for graduation.

St. Kate's business majors benefit from abundant resources as they move through the program towards their career goals. Exceptional instructors, both full-time professors and practicing professionals with a broad range of experience, provide a balanced theoretical and applied business curriculum. Outstanding women role models and accomplished executives participate on-campus as guest speakers, mentors, and recruiters. Many of them are St. Kate's alumnae and employees of the 60+ companies attending St. Kate's annual on-campus job fair—the largest of any Minnesota private college or university.

St. Kate's business administration department, part of the School of Business, offers a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science in one of the following fields:

**Majors**:
- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Business Management
- Business-to-Business Sales
- Healthcare Sales
- Healthcare Management
- Human Resources and Talent Management
- Marketing

**Minors**:
- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Business Analytics
- Finance
- Healthcare Sales
- Integrated Marketing Communications and Design
- Leadership
- Management
• Marketing
• Sales

Certificates*:
• Healthcare Sales Certificate
• Sales Certificate
• Accounting - Post-baccalaureate Certificate

*See individual descriptions or the Programs of Study section of this catalog for information about which college offers the program (the College for Women or the College for Adults).


This major is offered in the College for Women and the College for Adults.

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- **BUSI 4800** Business Portfolio 0
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**Total Credits** 48

1. Taken during J-term

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**Spring Term**
LEAD 2202 | Leadership and Influence | 2
MGMT 2402 | Principles of Management | 2

**Fall Term**
ACCT 2110 | Financial Accounting | 4
LEAD 3400 | Leadership, Effective Teams, and Change Management | 4

**Spring Term**
ACCT 2130 | Managerial Accounting | 4
BUSI 2012 | Business Analytics | 1

**Fall Term**
ACCT 3202 | Business Finance | 2
Statistics course | 4

**Spring Term**
ECON 2610 | Principles of Microeconomics | 4
MKTG 4300 | Strategic Marketing | 4
MGMT 4490W | Strategic Management | 4

**Fall Term**
BUSI 3642 | The Legal Environment of Business | 2
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ECON 2620 | Principles of Macroeconomics | 4
BUSI 4800 | Business Portfolio | 0

**Total Credits** 48

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**Summer Term**
LEAD 2202 | Leadership and Influence | 2
MGMT 2402 | Principles of Management | 2

**Fall Term**
ACCT 2110 | Financial Accounting | 4
LEAD 3400 | Leadership, Effective Teams, and Change Management | 4

**Spring Term**
ACCT 2130 | Managerial Accounting | 4
BUSI 2012 | Business Analytics | 1

**Fall Term**
ACCT 3202 | Business Finance | 2
Statistics course | 4

**Spring Term**
ECON 2610 | Principles of Microeconomics | 4
MKTG 4300 | Strategic Marketing | 4
MGMT 4490W | Strategic Management | 4

**Fall Term**
BUSI 3642 | The Legal Environment of Business | 2
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**Fall Term**
ACCT 3150 | Income Tax | 4
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**Total Credits** 62