

B.A. Accounting | Major Map

2022 GRADUATE CAREER OUTCOMES

Based on information from 84% of graduates

100% Secured Employment

100% Admitted Into Graduate School or Professional Program

POPULAR CAREERS

- **Public Accounting:** staff auditor, tax staff, management services/consulting staff
- **Corporate Accounting:** internal auditor, financial analyst, cost or tax accountant, controller
- **Government:** auditor; business analyst; forensic, general, cost or staff accountant
- **Nonprofit:** compliance coordinator, accountant, internal auditor, financial planner
- **Education:** accounting teacher, consultant, business manager, controller

POPULAR EMPLOYERS

Big Four accounting firms, public accounting firms, private companies, colleges & universities, corporations, government agencies, health care systems, manufacturing organizations, school districts, social service agencies

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

• Internships

- Eide Bailly
- ELO CPAs & Advisors
- Ernst & Young
- FDIC
- First PREMIER Bank
- Ketel Thorstenson, LLP
- KPMG
- Ness Tax & Bookkeeping Service
- POET
- Raven Industries
- RSM US
- Williams & Company, P.C.
- Woltman Group

• Study Away

- Browse the list of current offerings at augie.edu/StudyAwayPortal, and contact the IPO to discover opportunities related to your vocational goals.



WHY STUDY ACCOUNTING?

The accounting major is designed to prepare students for career opportunities in private business accounting. The required business courses strengthen graduates' abilities to serve organizations in the broader capacity expected of a private accountant. Students interested in preparing to take the CPA examination should consider completing our Master of Professional Accountancy (MPA) program. This program meets the requirements of most state boards of accountancy, including South Dakota, which have elected the 150-hour educational requirement to sit for the CPA exam.

FIRST YEAR

MIDDLE YEAR(S)

LAST YEAR

EXCEL ACADEMICALLY

- Review SOPHIA and program requirements with your academic advisor.
- Review your degree audit report, and create a plan of study in Academic Planner.
- Enroll in ACCT 210, ACCT 211, BSAD 205 and ECON 120.
- Participate in FYS 112 to confirm your major, hear from upper-level students about signature experiences and chart a personalized plan for your engagement.
- Choose or confirm your major(s) or minor(s).

- Explore minors or elective credits that interest you.
- Contact the Student Success Center to declare any second majors or minors.
- Enroll in ACCT 322, ACCT 324, ACCT 326, ECON 270 or BSAD 315, BSAD 330, ACCT 344, BSAD 340, ACCT 347 and ACCT 382.
- Earn a high GPA to excel in your job search and graduate school.
- Consider earning your MPA at Augustana.

- Apply to graduate no later than Oct. 1, and review the degree audit provided by the Registrar's Office.
- If continuing in the MPA program, you will take some graduate courses for MPA during this year.
- Enroll in final accounting elective courses.
- Complete your accounting internship in ACCT 495.

ENGAGE & APPLY YOUR LEARNING

- Explore study-away opportunities at the study-away fairs (spring semester during your junior year or most J-Terms are the ideal time for accounting majors to study away).
- Create an account in Augie Opportunities.
- Access your Viking Central account. Participate in campus clubs and organizations such as the Business Club and SALT (Serving and Learning Together).
- Attend the CPA Showcase event offered by the South Dakota CPA Society.
- Attend the Meet the Firms event to network with regional and Big Four accounting firms and private companies.

- Attend the Sophomore Retreat.
- Engage in campus leadership, internships, service and relevant summer employment.
- Seek student organization leadership positions as a treasurer or in finance.
- Join the professional organizations AICPA or IMA at no cost or a reduced rate as a student affiliate.
- Explore summer leadership programs offered by accounting firms.
- Participate in the alumni mentor program.
- Earn the Diversity Advocate Certificate.
- Apply for Knight Internship Funds and ASA transportation funds. Pursue elite fellowships.

- Take standardized exams (e.g., GRE, GMAT), and share your application to graduate or professional schools with your advisor and CAP specialist for feedback.
- Attend Meet the Firms and the BIG (Business, Industry, Government) Career & Internship Fair.
- Continue to connect with alumni.
- Participate in mock interviews and networking events.
- Complete the career outcome survey to update us of your employment or enrollment in graduate school.
- Join the Augustana alumni community.

CHART YOUR COURSE TODAY!

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