



Accounting | Major

“Alvernia professors always challenged us in class, pushing us to strive to do our best. I feel confident that what I learned from them will help me in my career path and also in life.”—Justine Fronheiser '10, Herbein & Company, Barto, PA

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS IN BRIEF

Each of Alvernia University's Business programs examine the contemporary business world from both practical and ethical standpoints. Business majors combine classroom learning with real world knowledge through cooperative education experience. This broad-based approach prepares graduates to succeed professionally by developing the supervisory and managerial skills necessary for career advancement. Alvernia business faculty have solid academic qualifications and years of business experience. They are in touch with the latest trends and issues in the business world. Accounting is a dynamic field and Alvernia's students are provided with the most up-to-date developments.

ACCREDITATION

Alvernia University's Business Department, including its major in accounting, is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). For information explaining the benefits of earning a degree from an ACBSP accredited program, please visit www.acbsp.org or send an email to info@acbsp.org.



INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Internship placements for our students have included Citizens Bank, Walt Disney World, Rohm & Haas, Vanguard, GVA Smith Mack, Haines & Kibblehouse, US Department of Treasury, US Department of Finance, Sovereign Bank, Strohmamm/Maier's Bakery, Webb Insurance, InRoads, Reading Royals, Olsen/DeTurck, Philadelphia Eagles, Cott Beverage, Four Seasons Produce, Morgan Stanley, Ernst & Young, and the Camden Riversharks.

INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS

Alvernia's Accounting & Finance students have the opportunity to participate in the Institute of Management Accountants, the world's largest organization for management accountants and financial managers. Student affiliate chapters have been developed to help students prepare for successful careers in the accounting field. The Alvernia University IMA Student Chapter is sponsored by the Reading IMA Chapter. This affiliation provides students with opportunities to meet and interact with accounting and finance professionals, to participate in IMA functions and to be an active part of the national organization. Many Alvernia students have secured internships, full-time employment and scholarships as a direct result of their IMA affiliation.

HONOR SOCIETY

Alvernia University's Business program sponsors the Lambda Zeta chapter of the Delta Mu Delta Honor Society through its accrediting body, ACBSP. Delta Mu Delta is an honor society for juniors, seniors, and graduate students that recognizes scholarship in Business Administration. Membership in Delta Mu Delta is limited to the top twenty percent of the junior, senior, and graduate classes. Becoming a member is an honor indicative of earnest, intelligent purpose and achievement.

PHI BETA LAMBDA

Phi Beta Lambda provides opportunities for post-secondary and undergraduate students to develop vocational competencies for business and office occupations and business teacher education. The specific goals are to promote competent, aggressive business leadership, understand American business enterprise, establish career goals, encourage scholarship, promote sound financial management, develop character and self-confidence and to facilitate transition from school to work.

The Alvernia University PBL Chapter has won many awards on both state and national levels. Since its formation in 1988, the Chapter has become well-known for its excellence, earning the prestigious Hollis & Kitty Guy (national) Gold Seal Award of Merit six times. In competitions, the Alvernia PBL Chapter regularly participates in state and national workshops and conferences, is active in campus projects, and completes community service projects.

CAREER SUCCESS

Students prepare for careers in industry and/or public accounting and are encouraged to consider obtaining a Certified Management Accountant (CMA) or Certified Public Accountant (CPA) designation at the completion of their course work. Students may also prepare to obtain the Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) designation.

Students can satisfy the 150-hour CPA requirement, including the required 36 hours in accounting, by completing appropriate additional undergraduate courses currently available in the business curriculum or by earning an Alvernia MBA degree. Accounting is a dynamic field which provides a vast array of employment possibilities including specialties such as management accounting, cost accounting, tax accounting, financial analysis, small business planning, mergers & acquisitions work, forensic accounting and auditing.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Budget Analyst	Financial Analyst	International Trade Specialist
Certified Public Accountant	Financial Manager	IRS Investigator
Chief Financial Officer	Grant Writer	Partner in Accounting Firm
Comptroller	Internal Auditor	Revenue Agent
Corporate Controller	International Business Manager	

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

BS/Accounting

*Liberal Arts Core (54/55 Credits)**

*General Elective Requirements (as needed)***

Accounting Major Requirements (58 Credits)

BUS 101	Financial Accounting
BUS 206	Management Principles
BUS 207	Marketing Principles
BUS 250	Accounting Principles
BUS 252	Intermediate Accounting I
BUS 253	Intermediate Accounting II
BUS 301	Advanced Accounting
BUS 304	Federal Taxation
BUS 305	Accounting Info Systems
BUS 342	Business Law
BUS 400	Cost Accounting
BUS 402	Auditing
BUS 410	Financial Analysis
BUS 411	Corporate Finance
BUS 426	Strategic Management

BUS 438	Business Seminar
ECON 248	Macroeconomics
ECON 249	Microeconomics
MAT 208	Introductory Statistics

Fraud Examination Concentration (12 Credits)

A concentration in Fraud Examination consists of courses necessary to provide the core competencies needed for students to excel in Fraud Examination. The concentration prepares students to sit for the certified Fraud Examiner Exam and is useful in many fields including accounting, human resources, management, criminal justice, and insurance. Requirements:

BUS 101	Financial Accounting
BUS 200	Managerial Accounting -OR-
BUS 250	Accounting Principles
BUS 205	Fraud Examination
BUS 215	Forensic Accounting

*Students entering the program with 70+ transferable credits or an associates degree must complete 30/31 Liberal Arts Core credits.

**A total of 123 credits and 3 credits in a human diversity course are required to complete a Bachelor's degree. To adhere to the university's Franciscan values, community service hours are required. In addition, at least 30 credits at the 300/400 level must be taken at Alvernia University.

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