Accounting Major: 
Your Academic Guide to Freshman Year

Think Globally

- Explore opportunities for study abroad, alternative break trips, pilgrimage to Assisi, the Washington Center and service trips.
- Start at the Study Abroad Office or studyabroad@alvernia.edu.

Take the Right Classes

- Review general education, University and Major requirements.
- Be aware of which semester required courses are offered.
- Focus on getting good grades.

Get Good Advice

- Get to know Business faculty and your advisor.
- Visit the Educational Planning Center on the first floor of Bernardine Hall.

Real Life Learning

- Explore opportunities for upcoming internships.
- Utilize skills acquired in First Year Experience.

Make the Right Connections

- Identify peers that support your academic goals.
- Get involved by joining Alvernia's student affiliate of the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) or Phi Beta Lambda, an organization that provides opportunities to develop vocational competencies for business positions. In addition to these business-oriented groups, you may decide to join the Student Government Association or consider some of the many other student clubs and community organizations.

Get Ready to Graduate

- Develop a working resume.
- Assess your strengths, weaknesses and interests.
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Think Globally

• Review opportunities for extended learning and, if interested, start planning with the Study Abroad Office.

Take the Right Classes

• Focus on getting good grades.
• Work with your advisor to make sure you're taking the courses you need in the semester they are offered.

Get Good Advice

• Talk to Business Department faculty and your advisor about your area(s) of interest within the field of accounting.
• Stay in touch with the Educational Planning Center.
• Consult faculty and advisor about an internship that matches your interests.

Real Life Learning

• Look into the Alternative Break program.
• Shadow in jobs that relate to your specific interests.
• Look for part-time or summer jobs that relate to your interests.
• Get familiar with the Educational Planning Center’s internship database.

Make the Right Connections

• Volunteer for community service.
• Stay involved in clubs and organizations.
• Observe the roles of those in leadership positions.
• Form study groups.

Get Ready to Graduate

• Update your working resume.
• Assess your strengths, weaknesses and interests.
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Your Academic Guide to Junior Year

Think Globally

- Participate in Study Abroad program.
- Participate in service trips or “May”mester.

Take the Right Classes

- Focus on getting good grades and improving GPA.
- Secure internship, if applicable.
- Work with advisor to make sure you're on track to graduate on time.

Get Good Advice

- Talk to faculty members about career opportunities.
- Stay in touch with the Educational Planning Center.
- Get familiar with Vault.com, a career services library available on Educational Planning Center's website.

Real Life Learning

- Look into the Alternative Break program.
- Shadow in jobs that relate to your specific interests.
- Look for part-time or summer jobs that relate to your interests.
- Get familiar with the Educational Planning Center's Internship database.

Make the Right Connections

- Assume leadership roles on campus.
- Connect with alumni in your field.
- Connect with area business leaders through the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA).

Get Ready to Graduate

- Tell your advisor if you're interested in Alvernia's MBA + 1 option, a program that enables you to earn an MBA degree in just one year after completing your undergraduate degree.
- Get feedback on working resume from Educational Planning Center.
- Get resume ready for practicum applications and job fair.
- Work on getting recommendations.
- Attend Career Planning opportunities such as job fairs and practice interviews.
- Look for coaching opportunities.
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Think Globally

- Look for service opportunities.

Take the Right Classes

- Complete internship if you are participating in one.

Get Good Advice

- Work closely with advisor to make sure you're on track to graduate on time.
- Stay in touch with the Educational Planning Center.
- Talk to faculty members about career opportunities.
- Ask for advice from professionals in your area of interest.

Real Life Learning

- Participate in off-campus activities, such as volunteering with an Alvernia community partner.

Make the Right Connections

- Connect with area business professionals through IMA or by other means.
- Continue in leadership roles on campus.
- Connect with alumni in your field.
- Attend campus events at which alumni are present.

Get Ready to Graduate

- Fine tune your resume.
- Search for jobs through Vault.com and the connections you've made through IMA.
- Finalize recommendations.
- Attend Career Planning opportunities such as job fairs and practice interviews.
- Attend the Alvernia Job Fair.