Accounting | Major

“Alvernia professors always challenge us in class, pushing us to strive to do our best. I feel confident that what I am learning from them will help me after graduation, in my career path and also in life.” —Justine Fronheiser ’10, Accounting major, Barto, PA

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS IN BRIEF

Each of Alvernia University’s Business programs examines the contemporary business world from both practical and ethical standpoints. Business majors combine classroom learning with real-world knowledge through cooperative education experiences. 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 & 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 the Camden Riversharks, Citizens Bank, Cott Beverage, Ernst & Young, Four Seasons Produce, GVA Smith Mack, Haines & Kibblehouse, InRoads, Morgan Stanley, Olsen/DeTurck, Penske, Philadelphia Eagles, Reading Royals, Rohm & Haas, Santander Bank, Stroehmann/Maier’s Bakery, U.S. Department of Treasury, U.S. Department of Finance, Vanguard, Walt Disney World and Webb Insurance.

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 adult education juniors and seniors that recognizes scholarship in Business Administration.

INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS

Alvernia’s Accounting & Finance students have the opportunity to participate in the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA), 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.

PHI BETA LAMBDA

Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) provides opportunities for adult education students to develop vocational competencies for business and office occupations and business teacher education. The specific goals are to promote competent and aggressive business leadership, understand American business enterprise, develop character and self-confidence, encourage scholarship, promote sound financial management and establish career goals. The Alvernia University PBL Chapter has won many awards on both state and national levels.

ALPHA SIGMA LAMBDA

Alpha Sigma Lambda (ASL) is the premier national honor society for nontraditional adult students. Its aim is to recognize the special achievements of adults who accomplish academic excellence while facing competing interests of home and work. For the nontraditional student, the Society stands as an inspiration for continuing scholastic growth and is a builder of pride through recognition. The Alvernia University ASL Chapter serves as a vehicle for imparting appreciation for adult students’ academic achievements and contributions. To this day, Alpha Sigma Lambda is not only the oldest, but also the largest chapter-based honor society for full- and part-time students.

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) certification at the completion of their course work. Students may also prepare to obtain the Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) designation.
Before applying for the CPA exam, candidates must have graduated with a bachelor’s or master’s degree and completed at least 24 semester credits in accounting subjects. These subjects include accounting and auditing, business law, finance or tax subjects acceptable to the State Board of Accountancy and are met by Alvernia’s business/accounting curriculum. Although Pennsylvania has not yet, some states (including Maryland, New York and Ohio) have changed their requirements for candidates wishing to take the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) examination. The majority of states who have passed legislation now require a minimum of 150 credit hours of education along with a college degree to become a CPA. Students may choose to meet this 150-credit-hour requirement by taking coursework in Alvernia’s MBA program or pursuing a dual major.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

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

**CURRICULUM OVERVIEW**

**BS/Accounting**

*Liberal Arts Core (54/55 Credits)*

*General Elective Requirements (as needed)**

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`Students entering the program with 70+ transferable credits or an associate’s 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 Franciscan Values, community service hours are also required. In addition, at least 30 credits at the 300/400 level must be taken at Alvernia University.

**LOCATIONS**

Students can choose to take classes where and when it is most convenient. This program is offered on campus at our Reading and Pottsville locations.

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