

Baker School of Business Accounting Major Overview

Description

The accounting major allows a student multiple choices in career options since the skill set acquired through a selected series of accounting courses is valuable in all areas of business, government and not-for-profit. Whether the career choice is public practice, accounting in a corporation or private business, a consultant, auditor, tax accountant, etc. the growth opportunities are tremendous as they can expand into any direction based on personal choices after graduation: getting to be the chief financial officer of a business; state controller; owning your own accounting and/or tax practice; it's up to you. The job outlook and salaries for accountants and auditors continues to grow and the projections through 2020 is about 16%** . Starting salaries in the first year can average over \$40,000. See www.accountemps.com/accounting-salary for more information on salaries.

Selected courses and optional service opportunities provide students with the necessary requirements to sit for various accounting professional exams in most states* upon graduation. Examples include the Certified Public Accountant exam, Certified Management Accountant Exam and Certified Internal Auditor exam. Passage of these exams is a requirement for licensing in their respective areas. However, licensing is not a requirement for an accounting career. There are several accounting career tracks in corporate, government and not-for-profit where licensing is not required or requested.

Coursework

The Accounting Major at The Citadel consists of 24 credit hours of rigorous accounting coursework beyond the common business core designed to prepare students for professional accounting careers and professional licensure exams. Listed below are the courses required after the student has completed the common business core courses (these courses occupy what would otherwise be elective hours taken while the student is completing their common business curriculum). Please note in the catalog that not all courses are offered every semester. While the course load is slightly greater, the rewards are significant.

Course	Title	Prerequisite
BADM 300	Intermediate Financial Accounting I	BADM 212
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BADM 302	Intermediate Managerial Accounting	BADM 212
BADM 318	Commercial Law	BADM 305
BADM 402	Advanced Financial Accounting	BADM 300
BADM 416	Auditing and Assurance Services	BADM 300
BADM 419	Federal Taxation	BADM 212
BADM 427	Accounting Information Systems	Pre/Co BADM 300; 302

*Exam and licensing requirements vary by state. Therefore each student should check their respective state requirements to ensure they have the necessary courses.

**<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/about/projections-overview.htm> accessed July 23, 2013.