

What Can I Do With a Major in Accounting?

Possible Career Options

(some career options could require advanced study)

Accountant, Public Practice
 Accounts Payable Supervisor
 Audit Manager
 Budget Accountant
 Business Credit/Loan Administrator
 Business Teacher
 Claim Adjuster/Examiner
 Compensation/Benefits Administrator
 Consolidation Manager
 Consumer Credit/Loan Officer
 Contract Administrator
 Corporate Accountant
 Credit and Collection Manager
 Cost Department Supervisor
 EDP Auditor
 External Auditor
 FBI Agent
 Financial Aid Director
 Financial Analyst
 Financial Investment Analyst
 Financial Planner
 Fund Raiser
 Industrial/Institutional Buyer
 Information Systems Auditor
 Internal Auditor
 International Trade Specialist
 Inventory Control Specialist
 IRS Investigator
 Management Accountant
 Management Consultant
 Manager, Administrative Services
 Merger and Acquisition Specialist
 Payroll Manager
 Production Manager
 Property Accountant
 Sales Manager
 SEC Accountant
 Tax Accountant
 Tax Compliance Specialist
 Tax Supervisor/Auditor
 Treasury Manager

Transferable Skills

Compiles accurate financial data
 Thinks analytically
 Possesses integrity, honesty, alertness, and thoroughness
 Develops excellent numeric skills

Communication Skills

Explains and relays financial data to other users
 Leads, supervises, and directs others
 Possesses strong written and oral communication skills
 Reports on financial results

Analytical Skills

Organizes, analyzes, and interprets numeric data
 Analyzes and uses financial information
 Makes sound judgments to solve quantitative problems
 Prepares and conducts performance tests of internal control procedures

Miscellaneous Skills

Commits to professional standards
 Works independently
 Prepares tax returns
 Improves existing accounting procedures

Teamwork Skills

Belongs to cross-functional teams
 Develops close relationships with other departments
 Offers recommendations to improve overall business strategy and goals

Technical Skills

General computer knowledge
 Spreadsheet familiarity
 Mathematics aptitude
 Computerized accounting systems familiarity

Personal Attributes

Integrity
 Responsibility
 Precision

Employment Sites

Past interns and graduates have worked at:

American Express Financial Services
American Greetings Corporation
Ashland Oil Company
Ashland University
Bank One Company
Central Ohio Warehouse Company
City of Wooster
D & S Creative Advertising Company
Ernst & Young
Gehring Textiles Inc.
General Motors
Good Shepherd Home & Villa
Gorman-Rupp Company
Grace Brethren Church of Norton
H & R Block
Hausser & Taylor
Hess & Clark Incorporated
Internal Revenue Service
KPMG LLP
Lexington Local School Board of Education
National City Corporation
Price Waterhouse Coopers
Sprint United Telephone
State of Ohio Auditor's Office
Westinghouse Electric Company

Experiential Education

Tracking financial investments for a local investment firm

Working in the auditing sector of a Big 4 firm

Analyzing accounts payable and receivable in regional auditing office

Working in the state auditor's office

Completing typical monthly closing procedures for a large multinational company

Handling state, local, and international tax reporting

Additional Resources

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