WHAT IS ACCOUNTING?

THE PRACTICE OF RECORDING, CLASSIFYING, AND SUMMARIZING FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS. Accounting information is used by managers to measure financial performance, control operations, and provide financial reports to the investment community. All functional areas in a business (like marketing, production, human resources, finance, and information technology) use accounting information in their daily operations. For this reason, many call accounting the "language" of business.

ACCOUNTING INDUSTRIES

PUBLIC ACCOUNTING. Perform accounting services on behalf of a corporation, non-profit, or individual client; May be self-employed or work in an accounting firm; Many students begin their careers in public accounting and can specialize in tax, audit, or advisory services; Students interested in this field typically pursue a Master of Accountancy following their undergraduate studies.

MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING. Analyze and report company information to business executives to aid in strategic planning; Also called "private" or "cost" accounting.

INTERNAL AUDITING. Verify effectiveness of an organization’s accounting practices; check for mismanagement, excessive spending, or fraud; evaluate for legal compliance; improve processes and efficiencies.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING. Examine records of government agencies, audit businesses or individuals whose activities are subject to taxation; May work for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

PREPARING FOR YOUR CAREER...

AS CITED BY TOP AREA RECRUITERS, YOU WILL NEED:

• The ability to prepare and analyze financial statements
• Analytical and quantitative skills
• Proficiency in Excel
• Strong verbal and written communication skills
• To display that you are adaptive to change
• Objectivity and an emphasis on ethical behavior

HOW TO GET HIRED

Recruiting for accounting positions happens very early in the fall term. Students should be engaged with career events as early in their academic career as possible. Students can practice networking skills and meet representatives from prominent accounting firms in Metro Charlotte by attending the Accounting Department’s Fall event(s) to Meet the Professionals. For more information about these events, see the Turner School of Accountancy, 2nd floor Friday.

You might enjoy accounting if you like logic and order; you take a step-by-step approach to problem solving; you analyze your options before making decisions; you did well in algebra or statistics; you’re detail-oriented; you enjoy teamwork.

RIGHT NOW IN ACCOUNTING

THERE IS A DEMAND FOR ACCOUNTING GRADUATES THAT LEADS TO COMPETITIVE RECRUITING TACTICS. PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT IS HAPPENING ON CAMPUS, AND MAINTAIN A HIGH GPA TO TAKE ADVANTAGE.

TO RETAIN TOP TALENT, ACCOUNTING FIRMS TYPICALLY HAVE ATTRACTIVE BENEFIT PACKAGES.
QUICK FACTS
FOR ACCOUNTANTS:
FIELD GROWTH:
+14% IN NORTH CAROLINA
+6% NATIONALLY

NC SALARY RANGE: $46,640 - $121,630

MEDIAN NATIONAL INCOME: $71,550

CPA’S MAKE 10-15% MORE WHEN COMPARED TO NATIONAL SALARY AVERAGES - FOR INFORMATION GO TO THISWAYTOCPA.COM

SOURCE: ONETLINE.ORG

UNC CHARLOTTE GRADS
63% of 2019 UNC Charlotte accounting graduates were employed full time. Their average salary was $49,658. Another 30% were already working toward a graduate degree.

*with a 87.05% knowledge rate

GET INVOLVED!
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS & PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

STUDENT CHAPTERS OF PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
BETA ALPHA PSI - ACCOUNTING MAJORS WITH 3.0 GPA
FUTURE LEADERS OF ACCOUNTING (FLA)
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK ACCOUNTANTS
ASSOCIATION OF LATINO PROFESSIONALS FOR AMERICA

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
AICPA – AMERICA INSTITUTE OF CPAs
NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF CPAs
INSTITUTE OF INTERNAL AUDITORS
INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF WOMEN ACCOUNTANTS

WHO HIRES UNC CHARLOTTE ACCOUNTING MAJORS?

INTERNSHIPS make candidates more competitive in the job market, and many employers hire entry level positions from their internship programs. More information can be found at belkcollege.uncc.edu/internships

SAMPLE JOB TITLES

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT • INTERNAL AUDITOR • CONTROLLER • COST OR MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTANT • BUDGET ANALYST • IRS AGENT • TAX PROFESSIONAL • TAX EXAMINER • STAFF ACCOUNTANT • CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

For more information, visit:
Niblock Student Center, Belk College of Business, Friday 305, belkcollege.uncc.edu
University Career Center, Atkins 150, career.uncc.edu