

CAREER TIPS FOR ACCOUNTING

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- Earn good grades. Grades are an indicator of technical competence in accounting and of a person's work ethic.
- Potential employers place an emphasis on interpersonal and communication skills. Demonstrate these skills by having well-rounded experiences outside of the classroom.
- Actively participate in student organizations to develop leadership skills. Learn to work well within in a team.
- Develop excellent computer skills. Learn relevant software packages.
- Pursue gaining internships to learn about the field and gain experience. Consider completing internships in the spring semester, in addition to, summer term, to build more connections.
- Join Beta Alpha Psi, the honorary fraternity for accounting and finance information professionals, to gain knowledge about the accounting profession.
- Develop analytical, critical-thinking/problem solving skills, and understanding of professional ethical standards.
- Exhibit accuracy and attention to detail.
- Become bilingual to give yourself the versatility to work for an international corporation.
- Take classes outside of accounting in a related field, i.e. finance or budget analysis, to broaden your scope of knowledge.
- Stand out by targeting an area of focus during your training and make yourself an expert in that area.
- Certifications available through the Institute of Internal Auditors or the Institute of Management Accountants may increase job marketability in some areas of accounting.
- Accounting is a versatile degree. Students who graduate with a major in accounting may find jobs in many areas of business including: banking, financial planning, sales, production management, client management, product development, procurement, and general management.