

ACCOUNTING MAJOR

Department: Accounting (<https://catalog.bradley.edu/undergraduate/business/accounting/>)

The accounting major prepares you for a career in accounting, auditing, finance and other business fields.

Preparing You for Success

The mission of the Department of Accounting is to prepare students for productive and satisfying careers. The highest priority of the department is to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to commence and continue their careers. Our undergraduate major meets the needs of students seeking accounting careers in private industry and the public sector and, additionally, lays the foundation for those seeking careers in public practice. Our Master of Science in Accounting program is designed both for students entering public practice and for experienced accountants desiring to further their education. Graduates should be productive, act ethically, and be responsible citizens in social and economic communities, which are becoming increasingly dynamic and interdependent.

Accounting is an extremely flexible major. Our students not only learn about accounting principles but also study business and technology concepts. This broad training opens diverse career paths. Many of our graduates accept positions with public accounting firms and corporations. However, an accounting degree will also allow movement into finance, information systems, management, or consulting positions. An accounting degree helps a student look beyond the numbers to assist both people and businesses with shaping their financial futures.

Making Your Mark

Students often use their undergraduate accounting courses to prepare for the certified public accounting, certified management accounting, and certified internal auditor exams. Professional credentials add value to your career and your faculty advisor will help you discern which designation is right for you.

Students are eligible to start taking exams for the certified public accounting (CPA) license after their undergraduate degree. Our Master of Science in Accounting Graduate degree provides additional education that supports you in the CPA exams and completing the 150 credit hours required for the license.

Courses required for all accounting majors (36 hours of accounting)

Code	Title	Hours
ATG 201	Accounting Principles-Accounting Techniques	1.0
ATG 268	Business Ethics	3.0
ATG 290	Accounting Careers Exploration	1.0
ATG 301	Intermediate Accounting I	3.0
ATG 302	Intermediate Accounting II	3.0
ATG 314	Cost Accounting	3.0
ATG 383	Accounting Systems and Control	3.0
ATG 401	Advanced Accounting I	3.0
ATG 447	Internal Auditing	3.0
ATG 457	Auditing	3.0
ATG 470	Data Analytics for Accounting	3.0
ATG 471	Advanced Accounting Techniques	1.0

ATG 477	Federal Taxes I	3.0
ATG 478	Federal Taxes II	3.0
Total Hours		36

Accounting majors also must satisfy the following requirements:

1. A 2.0 GPA in all accounting courses beyond ATG 157 Accounting Principles - Financial, ATG 158 Accounting Principles - Cost Management, and ATG 201 Accounting Principles-Accounting Techniques.
 - A minimum of 9 semester hours of upper-level accounting course work in residence.
 - The table below sets out the Accounting Major Curriculum Delivery Plan.
2. Students must also complete Foster College's business core (<https://catalog.bradley.edu/undergraduate/business/>).

Accounting Major Curriculum Delivery Plan

Code	Title	Hours
ATG 157	Accounting Principles - Financial (Fall and Spring) *	3.0
ATG 158	Accounting Principles - Cost Management (Fall and Spring) *	3.0
ATG 201	Accounting Principles-Accounting Techniques (Fall 1.0 and Spring)	1.0
ATG 268	Business Ethics (Fall and Spring)	3.0
ATG 290	Accounting Careers Exploration (Fall)	1.0
ATG 301	Intermediate Accounting I (Fall and Spring)	3.0
ATG 302	Intermediate Accounting II (Fall and Spring)	3.0
ATG 314	Cost Accounting (Fall and Spring)	3.0
ATG 383	Accounting Systems and Control (Spring)	3.0
ATG 401	Advanced Accounting I (Spring)	3.0
ATG 430	Professional Skills of Inquiry (Fall and Spring) **	3.0
ATG 447	Internal Auditing (Spring)	3.0
ATG 457	Auditing (Fall)	3.0
ATG 470	Data Analytics for Accounting (Fall)	3.0
ATG 471	Advanced Accounting Techniques (Fall and Spring)	1.0
ATG 477	Federal Taxes I (Fall)	3.0
ATG 478	Federal Taxes II (Spring)	3.0
ATG 479	Personal Tax and Estate Planning (Fall) **	3.0
ATG 530	Professional Skills of Inquiry (Fall and Spring) **	3.0
BLW 345	Law of Business (Fall) **	3.0

* Accounting, Finance, and Actuarial Science majors should take the section reserved for these majors in the applicable semester.

** These courses are currently not a requirement but are strongly recommended.

Other Requirements

- ENG 306 Advanced Writing-Business Communication - 3 hrs. (fulfills W2 Core Curriculum)

Suggested Course Sequencing

Students are advised to seek and follow faculty recommendations concerning the selection of courses to meet their career objectives. Elective courses should be chosen with care to ensure that the Bradley Core Curriculum and FCB requirements are met.

Requirements for Professional Certification

Students should consult with their advisors and their State Boards of Accountancy for the exact requirements.