



CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

ACCOUNTING

General Departmental Information

A Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting is available to students who would like to prepare for careers in public accounting (as Certified Public Accountants), industrial accounting, and nonprofit accounting. The major imparts to students the "common body of knowledge" required of practicing accountants by maintaining a flexible program to meet the needs of a changing society. The student-centered faculty achieve these objectives by developing individual programs, advising students how to meet personal goals and helping the students to secure employment upon graduation.

Certification

Central Washington University Accounting students, within 120 days of obtaining a degree and 225 total credits, or completing the MPA at Central Washington University, are qualified to sit for the Certified Public Accountant examination. State law requires individuals wishing to sit for the CPA examination to have completed (1) a minimum of 36 quarter credits of study in accounting, and (2) a minimum of 36 quarter credits in related business courses. Registration for the examination is made through the State Board of Accountancy, Olympia, Washington. After July 1, 2000, 225 quarter credits will also be required to sit for the CPA exam. Students are also prepared to sit for the Certified Management Accounting examination and the Certified Internal Auditor examination. Students should consult with their major advisor for details.

Transfer Credits

Equivalent lower division (100-200 level) courses may be transferred toward meeting the pre-admission requirements for any B.S. degree in the College of Business. Upper division (300-400 level) courses may be transferred toward meeting the major requirements only with the approval of the Department Chair and the School Dean or designee. Transfer students must earn at least 45 credits at CWU.

Career Opportunities

Major public accounting firms recruit at CWU. In recent years, CWU has placed many of its Accounting graduates with national CPA firms in the Northwest. Major industrial firms and government agencies either recruit on campus or have contacts with the Accounting faculty. In addition, CWU graduates do well in passing the CPA examination.

Scholarship and Honor Programs

A number of scholarships for upper division Accounting students are available on an annual basis through the Accounting department. Applications are available each spring quarter.

Pre-Admission Requirements

ACCT 251	Accounting I	5 credits
ACCT 252	Accounting II	5 credits
BUS 241	Legal Environment of Business	5 credits
BUS 221	Introductory Business Statistics*	5 credits
ECON 201	Principles of Economics Micro	5 credits
ECON 202	Principles of Economics Macro	5 credits
MATH 163.1, 170 OR 172.1		5 credits each
Sub Total		35 credits
*Prerequisite: ADMG 101 and MATH 130.1		

Programs Offered at a CWU Center

The Accounting major is offered at three sites within Washington state: [Ellensburg](#), [CWU-Lynnwood](#) or [CWU-SeaTac](#). Those students who wish to obtain their degrees from either CWU-Lynnwood or CWU-SeaTac need to have satisfied all of CWU's General Education Requirements (an AA transfer degree from an in-state community college will qualify), and all lower-division pre-admission courses required in the major, before enrolling at those Center sites.

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