

# Undergraduate Accountancy

## Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Science in Accountancy, Accountancy

## Accountancy at SIUE

The Department of Accounting provides a solid foundation for all of the various accounting careers. As one of the prestigious accounting programs in the country accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International, we are committed to maintaining the highest quality faculty and providing a wide array of learning experiences for our students. Opportunities are provided to students to help them transition into the accounting profession through student organizations, internships, a voluntary income tax assistance program and international programs. In the School of Business, interactive and rigorous classes focus on developing proficiencies in technical accounting, as well as current technology and communication skills. Our students participate in a senior assignment where they research recent accounting issues, which is unique to SIUE.

## What can I do with a degree in accounting?

Graduates of the accountancy program are well prepared to become business professionals who understand the environment in which business operates and can analyze how business operations are impacted by economic, social, political and legal environments. Most of our students aspire to become certified public accountants (CPAs), which requires 150 hours of college credit. With this in mind, our Master of Science in accounting (MSA) program is designed to seamlessly fulfill the additional 30 hours beyond the 120 hours required for the BSA. For students completing their BSA who have earned at least 150 hours, our undergraduate curriculum meets the requirements to sit for the CPA exam in most states.

For individuals not seeking CPA certification, the Bachelor of Science in accountancy program provides the education required for many careers in the accounting discipline, including financial reporting, internal auditing, tax accounting, managerial accounting and not-for-profit accounting. Students will also be prepared for appropriate professional certifications within these segments of accounting, such as a certified management accountant or a certified internal auditor. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of accountants and auditors is projected to grow 4% through 2029.

## Hands-On Learning

The accountancy curriculum is delivered using a variety of experiential learning methods in the classroom, including analysis of business cases, lectures and discussions. Students are also presented with a variety of options to supplement their classroom learning with participation in co-curricular activities in local and international venues. Our students are encouraged to obtain professional experience through cooperative education, internships and other co-curricular activities prior to graduation.

Lifelong community citizenship and involvement is stressed through our business transitions courses, a required part of the curriculum for every undergraduate business major. Students who want to make the most of their undergraduate education have ample opportunities to do so by participating in experiences such as student organizations, study abroad, or Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (URCA).

## Global Experience

Transcultural skills are a vital key to success in the business world, and the School of Business is committed to providing a variety of international study opportunities for our students. At SIUE, business students have the opportunity to participate in semester abroad, summer abroad or short-travel study experiences. We have partnered with schools in England, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy and Japan to provide multiple options for study abroad experiences. Students also have the opportunity to participate in 10- to 14-day, credit-bearing travel study courses, which are led by faculty in the School of Business, to destinations in France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan and Spain.



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# Sample Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Accountancy

## Fall Semester

## Spring Semester

|               |   |    |  |            |
|---------------|---|----|--|------------|
| Year 1        | CMIS 108 or CS 108 Computer Concepts (BICS)*              | 3  | ECON 111 Macroeconomics (BSS)*                           | 3          |
|               | ENG 101 English Composition I*                            | 3  | ENG 102 English Composition II*                          | 3          |
|               | MATH 120 College Algebra (BPS)**                          | 3  | Breadth Humanities (BHUM)                                | 3          |
|               | ACS 101 Public Speaking*                                  | 3  | RA 101, PHIL 212 (FRA)                                   | 3          |
|               | ECON 112 Microeconomics (BSS)*                            | 3  | Breadth Fine and Performing Arts (BFPA)                  | 3          |
|               | FST 101 Succeeding & Engaging at SIUE*                    | 1  | Total Credits  | 15         |
| Total Credits |   | 16 |  |            |
| Year 2        | ACCT 200 Fundamentals of Financial Acct#                  | 3  | MS 251 Statistical Analysis for Business Decisions* (EL) | 4          |
|               | MS 250 Mathematical Methods**                             | 3  | Health Experience (EH)                                   | 2          |
|               | QR 101 or MATH 150 (FQR)                                  | 3  | Life (LS), Physical (PS) or Social Science (SS) (EL)     | 3          |
|               | Breadth Life Science (BLS)                                | 3  | U.S. Cultures Course (EUSC)                              | 3          |
|               | Elective  | 3  | Elective   | 3          |
|               | Total Credits   | 15 | Total Credits  | 15         |
| Year 3        | ACCT 301 Intermediate Accounting Theory & Practice I*     | 3  | ACCT 302 Intermediate Accounting Theory & Practice II    | 3          |
|               | ACCT 315 Accounting Systems                               | 3  | ACCT 311 Managerial & Cost Acct I*                       | 3          |
|               | MGMT 330 Understanding the Business Environment           | 3  | ACCT 321 Introduction to Taxation                        | 3          |
|               | GBA 301 Business Transitions I                            | 1  | PROD 315 Operations Management                           | 3          |
|               | Elective  | 3  | MGMT 331 Managing Group Projects                         | 3          |
|               | Total Credits   | 13 | Total Credits  | 15         |
| Year 4        | ACCT 303 Intermediate Acct Theory & Practice III*         | 3  | ACCT 340 Business Law                                    | 3          |
|               | ACCT 312 Managerial Cost Accounting II                    | 3  | MGMT 441 Strategic Management*                           | 3          |
|               | MKTG 300 Principles of Marketing                          | 3  | GBA 383 Business & Society (IS, EGC)                     | 3          |
|               | FIN 320 Financial Management (ACCT 311 is a prerequisite) | 3  | GBA 402 Business Transitions II                          | 1          |
|               | CMIS 342 Information Systems for Business                 | 3  | Two of the following: ACCT 401, 421, 431, or 441         | 6          |
|               | Total Credits   | 15 | Total Credits  | 16         |
|               |   |    | <b>Total Hours</b>                                       | <b>120</b> |

**NOTES** – Admission to the School of Business is required to enroll in 300- or 400-level business courses.

\*Courses that require a grade of C or better. – ^Students may substitute MATH 150 (with a grade of C or better) for MATH 120 and MS 250. – #B or higher required.

**Transfer Students:** Transfer students may contact the School of Business Student Services Office with questions regarding transferability and equivalency of business coursework completed at other institutions.

To maximize your transfer experience, complete the **bolded** courses/requirements pre-transfer and satisfy either the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Ed Core or receive an AA, As, or AAT (early childhood, special ed or math) degree from an IAI community college. If 'Minor' requirements are shown, discuss careful course selection with the academic advising contact listed. Visit [siue.edu/transfer](http://siue.edu/transfer) to find course equivalency guides.

## Admission Requirements

Before applying to the program, students are encouraged to consult with an advisor in the School of Business Student Services Office to discuss the application process and plan a program of study.

To be admitted to the Bachelor of Science in accountancy program, students must:

- Complete all academic development courses required by the University
- Complete any courses required to address high school deficiencies
- Apply for admission and be accepted into the School of Business

Students who are not accepted into a program will not be allowed to enroll in 300- or 400-level business courses and will not be eligible to declare a major in accountancy.

## Application Deadlines

- Summer Term and Fall Semester: March 1
- Spring Semester: October 1

## Graduation Requirements

- Cumulative University GPA required: 2.5
- Accounting GPA (in all required accounting courses taken at SIUE): 2.5
- Business GPA (in all required business courses taken at SIUE): 2.25
- C or higher in Management 441 (meets University Senior Assignment)
- C or higher in courses marked with \* in Degree Requirements section of the undergraduate catalog

## Contact Information

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