

# Accounting Careers

University of Wisconsin-River Falls

## Career Preparation For Accounting Majors

**A**ccounting involves measuring business activities and communicating this information to investors, creditors, and other decision makers who will use it to make sound, informed, financial decisions.

The program of study is based on a solid foundation in the liberal arts to provide the student with thinking, communication, writing, and human and value judgment skills. The lower division requirements develop the student's critical, analytical, problem solving, and quantitative decision-making capabilities through a solid grounding in modern business and economic theory. It is the intention of the department to expose the student to the leading edge of theory while emphasizing the importance of human relationships and the ability to form sound ethical and moral decisions.

### RELATED MAJOR SKILLS

- Advanced computer skills
- Math abilities
- Ability to work well with people
- Problem solving
- Detail oriented
- Oral and written communication skills
- Interpret facts and figures
- Responsible with limited supervision
- Teamwork and interpersonal skills
- Strategic decision-making
- Critical thinking
- Sensitivity to diversity issues
- Ability to understand and create financial statements
- Calculation of product and service cost
- Financial statement analysis
- Understanding of individual and corporate taxation
- Analytical skills
- Vision and constructive ability
- Determination
- Ability to keep perspective
- Work well in new and challenging situations
- Tactical financial planning, bookkeeping, and budgeting skills
- Software skills: Excel, Word, Peachtree, Great Plains, IDEA, ACL, etc.

### CREATING OPPORTUNITIES IN YOUR MAJOR

- Talk with Career Services, faculty, and alumni about achieving your career goals
- Gain relevant experience through internships, part-/full-time jobs, and volunteer opportunities
- Work with Career Services and your departmental faculty coordinator for internship information
- Job shadow and conduct informational interviews with professionals in the field
- Utilize the Hire-a-Falcon Mentor Network
- Work in the Financial Assistance Office or Cashier's Office
- Join on-campus student organizations such as the Accounting Society to develop leadership skills
- Consider getting your Certified Public Accountant (CPA) License
- Meet with faculty members
- Participate in research and scholarly activities



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## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Actuary	Stockbroker	Management Consultant
Accountant	Benefits Administrator	Treasurer
Commodities Trader	Cost Accountant	Chief Financial Officer
Industrial Buyer	IRS Investigator	FBI Agent
Assistant Controller	Systems Analyst	Cost Accountant
Computer Programmer	Budgetary Control Analyst	Financial Analyst
Internal Auditor	Credit and Collection Specialist	Bank Examiner
Public Accountant	Loan Administrator	Public Accountant
Auditor	Tax Lawyer	Plant Accountant
Consumer Credit Officer	Certified Public Accountant	Collection Agent
International Trade Specialist	Entrepreneur	Staff Accountant
Securities Broker	Loan Officer	Corporate Accountant
Bank Examiner	Tax Specialist	Accounts Receivable/Payable Clerk
Controller	Chief Cost Accountant	
Inventory Control Specialist	Estate Planner	

*\*Amount of education may vary depending on the level of the position*

## CAREER RESOURCES

- **UWRF Accounting Department Website:** [www.uwrf.edu/cbe](http://www.uwrf.edu/cbe)
- **Career Services Website:** [www.uwrf.edu/career](http://www.uwrf.edu/career)
- **Hire-a-Falcon/UWRF Mentor Network (Online Job Searching Website):** [www.uwrf.edu/jobs](http://www.uwrf.edu/jobs)
- **Job Searching:** [www.uwrf.edu/career/jobsearch\\_sites.htm](http://www.uwrf.edu/career/jobsearch_sites.htm)
- **Internships:** [www.uwrf.edu/internships](http://www.uwrf.edu/internships)
- **Career Services-University of North Carolina Wilmington:** [www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/accounting.htm#skills](http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/accounting.htm#skills)
- **American Institute of Certified Public Accountants:** [www.aicpa.org](http://www.aicpa.org)
- **National Society of Accountants:** [www.nsacct.org](http://www.nsacct.org)
- **Accounting.com:** [www.accounting.com](http://www.accounting.com)
- **CPA Directory.com:** [www.cpadirectory.com](http://www.cpadirectory.com)
- **American Accounting Association:** <http://aaahq.org/index.cfm>
- **Tax and Accounting Sites Directory:** [www.taxsites.com/associations2.html](http://www.taxsites.com/associations2.html)
- **Federal Reserve Bank:** [www.federalreserve.gov](http://www.federalreserve.gov)
- **The Institute of Internal Auditors:** [www.theiia.org](http://www.theiia.org)
- **Association of Government Accountants:** [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org)



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