

ACCOUNTING

Major Overview

Accounting students are highly recruited by a variety of organizations, taking positions in public accounting firms, industry, and government. The field includes areas such as auditing, management accounting, financial accounting, tax accounting, public-sector accounting, consulting and data analytics. Accountants become involved in issues ranging from the design of information systems to the formulation of acquisition strategies. Accounting professionals often have opportunities to work with and travel to international clients or even relocate abroad as part of their careers.

Students who choose to major in accounting embark upon a career in an exciting and prestigious profession. Firms recruit from all over. The School of Accounting has strong connections with many public accounting firms and companies, creating opportunities for accounting students to engage with recruiters and accounting professionals as soon as they show interest in accounting. Through Beta Alpha Psi, the national honors fraternity for financial information professionals, students participate in meaningful opportunities that develop their technical skills and begin their transition from student to professional. The University of Oregon chapter of Beta Alpha Psi is the second oldest in the nation.

The curriculum is challenging, emphasizing the development of skills in problem solving, analytical reasoning, and written and oral communication. Students participate in a variety of “real world” projects and obtain considerable hands-on applied software experience that help develop strong data analytic and other technical skills. The program offers significant student/faculty interaction.

The Lundquist College of Business at the University of Oregon is fully accredited by the Association for Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). The UO School of Accounting is one of only 20% of business school programs separately accredited by the AACSB.

Advising Notes

To enroll in 300 and 400 level courses, you must be admitted to the Lundquist College of Business which requires a 3.0 lower division core and cumulative GPA. Your ability to register for a specific course will depend upon available seating at the time you register. All upper division accounting courses must be taken at UO unless prior approval is obtained from the School of Accounting.

Major Requirements

Course Title (Credit Hours)	Course	Pre-requisites
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Accounting I, II (4, 4) 	BA211Z, BA213Z	BA211Z is a pre-req for BA213Z
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate Accounting I (4) 	ACTG 350	See class schedule for full pre-req info
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate Accounting II (4) 	ACTG 351	ACTG 350, FIN 316
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate Accounting III (4) 	ACTG 352	ACTG 351, FIN 316
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost Accounting (4) 	ACTG 360	See class schedule for full pre-req info
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auditing (4) 	ACTG 440	ACTG 350
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Financial Accounting (4) 	ACTG 450	ACTG 352
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal Taxation (4) 	ACTG 470	See class schedule for full pre-req info

2025-2026 Course Offering Schedule (expected)

Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
ACTG 350 (3)	ACTG 350 (3)		
	ACTG 351 (3)	ACTG 351 (2)	
ACTG 352 (3)		ACTG 352 (2)	
ACTG 360 (2)	ACTG 360 (2)	ACTG 360 (1)	
ACTG 440 (1)	ACTG 440 (1)	ACTG 440 (2)	
ACTG 450 (1)	ACTG 450 (2)	ACTG 450 (1)	
ACTG 470 (1)	ACTG 470 (2)	ACTG 470 (1)	
Electives offered*	Electives offered*	Electives offered*	Electives offered*
ACTG 340 Actg for Entrepreneurs	ACTG 340 Actg for Entrepreneurs	ACTG 340 Actg for Entrepreneurs	ACTG 425/525 Prof
ACTG 480/580 Acc Data Analytics I	ACTG 480/580 Acc Data Analytics I	ACTG 410 Actg Inform Systems	Ethics for Acct
ACTG 425/525 Prof Ethics for Acct	ACTG 404 Intern Accounting	ACTG 460/560 Gvt Not for Profit Actg	ACTG 404 Intern
BA 425/525 Law for Managers		ACTG 425/525 Prof Ethics for Acct	Accounting

*The Oregon State Board of Accountancy has ultimate decision of the qualification of electives.

Master of Accounting (MAcc)

The UO Master of Accounting (MAcc) degree is the recommended way to satisfy the 225-credit educational pathway to take the CPA exam. Through an integrated set of coursework, activities, experiences, and resources, MAcc students graduate with a holistic understanding of accounting and business enabling them to reach their full professional potential. The MAcc program takes only three terms to complete, and students can often begin MAcc courses as they complete their undergraduate degree. Please contact Jennifer Welander (jwelander2@uoregon.edu) if you are interested in this option. More information is available at business.uoregon.edu/macc.

Undergraduate Main Advising Office

Location	Hours	Contact	Website
203 Peterson Lillis Business Complex	Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	541-346-3303	business.uoregon.edu/ug

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Professional Activities and Support

Reading	Campus Opportunities	Off-campus Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wall Street Journal Business Week The Oregon Certified Public Accountant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beta Alpha Psi Meet the Firms (fall) Meet the Professionals (winter) Accounting Firm Office Hours Early Career Launcher (spring) UO Accounting Scholarships (winter) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internships (various) OSCPA Career Showcase in Portland (fall) Firm Open Houses (summer & fall) Accounting Scholarships (various)

Careers

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certified Public Accountant CFO Controller Governmental Accountant Nonprofit accountant Data Analyst 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESG/Sustainability Auditor Tax and financial planner Internal auditor Forensic accountant Consultant Entrepreneur
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Key Websites

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> facebook.com/uoaccounting oregon.gov/BOA nasba.org business.uoregon.edu/master-accounting uobap.com

CPA Licensing Information

School of Accounting Advice for CPA exam

The School of Accounting recommends students planning a career in public accounting complete a master's degree in accounting, which will most likely satisfy the educational requirements to sit for the CPA exam in most states. To sit for the CPA exam using a 225-pathway, you must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree and 225 quarter credits (equivalent to 150 semester hours). A bachelor's degree requires 180 credits and a master's degree requires an additional 45 credits, totaling 225. In most cases, the additional academic work needed to acquire the technical competencies and develop the skills required by today's CPA is best obtained through a master's degree.

Students do not necessarily have to get a master's degree to meet the CPA educational requirements. They can also meet the requirement at the undergraduate level or take additional credits beyond the bachelor's degree. Students not planning to complete a master's degree should contact the board of accountancy in the state they plan to work in after college to confirm how additional credits will count toward education requirements for CPA eligibility in a particular state and what experience requirements may accompany a non-225 or non-Masters pathway

Licensing Requirements for CPAs in Oregon

Anyone taking the CPA exam in Oregon needs 36 upper division (300 & 400-level courses) accounting-specific credits. The Oregon Board of Accountancy does not count credits for BA211Z and BA213Z toward this requirement. An additional 36 credit hours must be in business, economics, or accounting.

If you graduate with an undergraduate degree in accounting, you will earn 28 upper-division accounting credits (ACTG 350, 351, 352, 360, 440, 450, and 470). This means you will need 8 additional upper-division accounting credits to be eligible to sit for the CPA exam in Oregon. Students completing the UO Master of Accounting program (MAcc) will meet this requirement through their graduate coursework. Students not planning to continue to the MAcc will need to take upper-division accounting electives to satisfy the education requirements. The education pathway a student takes impacts the work experience requirements to become a licensed CPA in Oregon (225 pathway (MAcc or non-MAcc) will require 2,000 hours of qualifying experience; whereas a 180 pathway requires 4,000 hours of qualifying experience).

Visit the Oregon Board of Accountancy for the most up-to-date information: www.oregon.gov/BOA

Licensing Requirements for CPAs in other states

Each state has its own requirements for taking the CPA exam. If you do not intend to remain in Oregon after graduation, you should check with the board of accountancy in the state in which you plan to obtain your CPA license, well in advance of graduation. Students should pay particular attention to the ethics requirements for each state. Here are the sites for information about licensing requirements for the states of California and Washington:

www.dca.ca.gov/cba/applicants.shtml

www.cpaboard.wa.gov/individual-licensing

CPA licensing requirements can change from year-to-year, so make sure that you have the most current requirements at the time you plan to sit for the CPA exam.