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 and public-sector accounting. Accountants become involved in issues ranging from the design of information systems to the formulation of acquisition strategies. Given the growing internationalization of business, career paths can lead to exciting opportunities abroad.

Students who choose to major in accounting embark upon a career in an exciting and prestigious profession. The School of Accounting has strong connections with many public accounting firms and companies on the west coast, creating opportunities for accounting students to engage with recruiters and accounting professionals as soon as they begin the program. Through Beta Alpha Psi, the national honors fraternity for financial information professionals, students participate in meaningful service projects 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. The relatively small size of the program allows 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 183 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. All prerequisites must be completed with a C- or better. 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

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**Master of Accounting (MAcc)**

The UO Master of Accounting (MAcc) degree is the recommended way to satisfy the 225-credit educational requirement 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 Michele Henney (mhenney@uoregon.edu) if you are interested in this option. More information is available at business.uoregon.edu/macc.

**Undergraduate Main Advising Office**

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**Professional Activities**

- **Reading**
  - Wall Street Journal
  - Business Week
  - The Oregon Certified Public Accountant

- **Campus Opportunities**
  - Beta Alpha Psi
  - Meet the Firms (fall)
  - Meet the Students (spring)
  - Accounting Firm Office Hours
  - Fall Recruiting Orientation (spring)

- **Off-campus Opportunities**
  - Summer Leadership Programs
  - Internships
  - OSCPA Career Showcase in Portland (fall)
  - Firm Open Houses (summer & fall)
  - Career Day (spring)
  - Job Shadow Program

**Careers**

- Certified Public Accountant
- CFO
- Controller
- Comptroller
- Governmental Accountant
- Auditor
- Tax and financial planner
- Internal auditor
- Forensic accountant
- Consultant

**Key Websites**

- facebook.com/uoaccounting
- oregon.gov/BOA
- nasba.org

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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 satisfy the educational requirements to sit for the CPA exam in all states. To sit for the CPA exam, 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 boards of accountancy to confirm how additional credits will count toward education requirements for CPA eligibility in a particular state.

Educational requirements for CPA 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 ACTG 211 and ACTG 213 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 in the MAcc should contact the Oregon Board of Accountancy regarding how additional credits will count toward the education requirements for CPA eligibility in Oregon.

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

Licensing Requirements for Out-of-state Students
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. 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.*