

Accounting Concentration

Today's accountants are important members of their organizations, using their business expertise, communication, and interpersonal skills, and accounting knowledge to improve organizational decision-making. Accountants play a key role in the continued growth of a prosperous society.



What Do Accountants Do?

Accountants hold a variety of positions of trust within organizations. They are not just scorekeepers, monitors, or bean counters. Some serve as advisors to businesses, to government, and to society at large. Some attest to the reliability of accounting information across all sectors of the domestic and global economies. Others assist management in understanding and monitoring the operations of businesses and other organizations in enabling the efficient and effective use of resources. Some accountants facilitate compliance with tax and regulatory requirements that are inherent in complex business environments. Accounting information is how businesses communicate, attract resources, and decide how to reconfigure themselves in a world where technology continually accelerates the pace of change. Those persons educated and trained in accounting are, therefore, essential to the flow of financial information supporting a prosperous society.

Common Skills and Abilities of Successful Accounting Students and Professionals

- Enjoys problem solving
- Strong quantitative abilities
- Active listening and learning
- Creativity
- Effective written and oral communication skills
- Strong analytic and critical thinking skills
- Communicates complex information to many audiences
- Global perspective with entrepreneurial focus
- Integrity, objectivity, and courage
- Manages time well and meets deadlines
- Keeps delicate and classified information strictly confidential
- Understands and enjoys working with technology
- Detail-oriented
- Sound judgment and decision making

Tips for Researching an Accounting Career

- Shadow an accountant for a day
- Search job profiles and position descriptions on the web
- Talk to alumni of the CSU Accounting program
- Attend the Career Fair and ask recruiters about accounting jobs
- Get involved with a club/organization and run for the office of treasurer
- Attend guest lecture hosted by Beta Alpha Psi
- Visit with a Career Counselor in the Career Management Center
- Get an accounting internship
- Take an online assessment (see the Career Center website) to see if an occupation in Accounting is for you
- Know yourself and what type of work you enjoy
- Network with accountants

Online Resources

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/business-and-financial/accountants-and-auditors.htm>

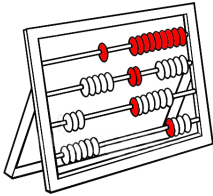
Potential Careers in Accounting

- Business Analyst
- Chief Executive
- Consultant
- Controller
- External Auditor
- Financial Manager
- Forensics Accountant
- Government Accountant
- Information Technology
- Auditor
- Internal Auditor
- Management Accountant
- Not-for-Profit Accountant
- Procurement Manager
- Risk Management Professional
- Tax Accountant





2,300+
Business majors



Accounting (ACT) : 278 Students



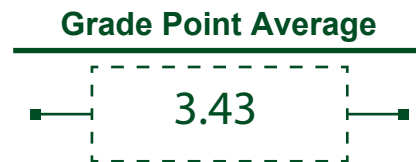
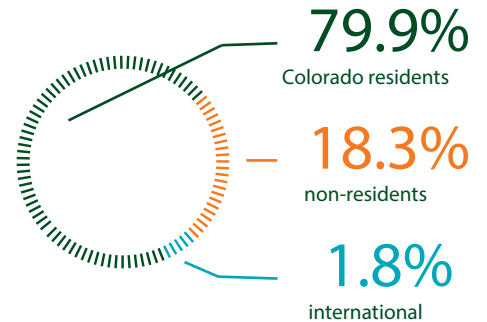
21.6%

First generation
(first in their family to earn
a bachelor's degree)



24.8%

Identify as racially or
ethnically diverse



Internship, Practicum, and Field Experience Rates

All Concentration Average: 63%

ACT 76%

Average Starting Salary¹

All Concentration Average: \$ 51,283

ACT \$ 55,175

Job/Education Offer Rates²

All Concentration Average: 93%

ACT 96%

¹ Average salary is based on full-time permanent employment.

² Offer rate is the percentage of graduates who are actively seeking employment or education that secured plans or indicated at least one job offer within six months of graduation.

