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What to do with your major in Accounting...

Not sure what to do with your major? No worries! Linking a major to a career is a challenging process for many undergraduate students. Below you will find information to help you start the process.

Typical Entry-level Job Titles

Accounting Clerk
Audit Associate
Entry Level Accountant
Tax Consultant
Assurance Associate
Financial Advisor

Jobs for Graduates with Experience

Cash Managers
Senior Accountant
Chief Financial Officer
Treasurer
Investment Banker
Investment Sales Associate

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Overview of Typical Career Paths

Public Accounting

Public accounting is probably the most recognized form of accounting known to the general public. Even if you are not too familiar with the accounting world you have most likely heard of "The Big 4". They include: Pricewaterhouse Coopers, Deloitte, Ernst & Young, and KPMG. These 4 companies are responsible for auditing publicly traded companies and large private corporations.

Management Accounting

Management accounting or managerial accounting is concerned with the provisions and use of accounting information to managers within organizations, to provide them with the basis to make informed business decisions that will allow them to be better equipped in their management and control functions.

Government Accounting

Governmental accounting is an umbrella term which refers to the various accounting systems used by various public sector entities. In the United States, for instance, there are two levels of government which follow different accounting standards set forth by independent, private sector boards. At the federal level, the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) sets forth the accounting standards to follow. Similarly, there is the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) for state and local level government.

Internal Auditing

Internal auditing is a profession and activity involved in helping organizations achieve their stated objectives. It does this by using a systematic methodology for analyzing business processes, procedures and activities with the goal of highlighting organizational problems and recommending solutions. Professionals called internal auditors are employed by organizations to perform the internal auditing activity.

ENTRY-LEVEL JOB TITLES of RECENT FOX SCHOOL UNDERGRADUATE ACCOUNTING MAJORS

Accountant
Accounting Assistant
Accounting Associate
Accounting Clerk
Accounting Representative
Accounting Rotational Program
Accounts Receivable Accountant
Advisory Risk Internal Associate
Assistant Director of Finance
Assistant Site Manager
Associate Finance Analyst
Assurance Associate
Assurance Staff
Audit Accountant
Audit Associate
Auditor/Accountant
Benefits Analyst
Bodily Injury Adjuster
Branch Accountant
Branch Manager
Budget and Strategic Planning
Business Advisory Services
Business Credit Analyst
Claims Adjuster
Collector
Consultant
Co-op Finance/Accounting
Core Assurance Associate
Cost Accounting
Customer Marketing
Customer Service Representative
Entry Level Accountant
External Audit
Finance Externship Program
Financial Advisor
Financial Representative
Full Time Audit
IFS
Insurance
Internal Auditor
Internal Control Compliance Examiner
Internal Control Compliance Group
Junior Accountant
Law Clerk
Management Trainee
Money Room Teller
National Leadership Adventure
Payroll Administration
Personal Banker
Pre-Sale Manager
Property Manager
Revenue Officer
Risk Analyst
Sales and Service Specialist
Sales Representative
Screener
Staff 1 Accountant
Staff 1 Advisory
Staff 1 Audit
Staff Analyst
Staff Associate
Staff Assurance
Staff Auditor
Summer Leadership Program
Tax Consultant
Tax Preparer
Tax Staff
Team Accountant

EMPLOYERS THAT HAVE HIRED FOX SCHOOL UNDERGRADUATE ACCOUNTING MAJORS

ACE USA
Accounting Representative
AF&L Insurance Co.
Albert Acquah & Associates
Alfred Angelo
American Geophysical Union
American Independent Insurance
Amper, Politziner & Mattia
ARAMARK Corporation
AXA Advisors, LLC
Bank of America
BDO Seidman
Beard Miller
Big Brothers Big Sisters - Southeastern PA
Boeing
Booz Allen Hamilton
Briggs, Bunting & Dougherty LLP
Brinks Inc
Brown, Schultz, Sheridan & Fritz
Budget and Strategic Planning
Bush Tecosky Goodman Feldman LLC
Business Credit Analyst
Campaign for Working Families/GPUAC
Center for Medicare/Medicaid
Choi & Associates
Clairmont Paciello & Co. Financial Planning
Clear Channel
Comcast Cable Communications
Comcast-Spectacor
Conner Strong
Deloitte & Touche
Delphi Financial Group
Department of Veterans Affairs
Dilworth Paxson LLP
Ernst & Young
Fesnak & Associates
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA)
Fishbein & Company, P.C.
Fishman and Tobin Inc.
Global One Financial Services
Grant Thornton
Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition
Home Finance of America
IBM Global Services
Internal Revenue Service
Jackson Hewitt Tax Service
KPMG
Primus Pharmaceuticals Inc.
Progress Financial Corp.
Progressive Business Publications
Prudential Financial
Radian Group, Inc.
Reliance Standard Life Insurance Company
Reznick Group, P.C.
Smart and Associates, LLP
SMART Business Advisory & Consulting,LLC
Steven Singer Jewelers
Stifel Financial Corp.
Subaru of America, Inc.
Surface Graphics, LLC
Target Corporation
TD Bank
Teitelman & Rosenthal CPA
Temple University
U.S. Department of Defense
Vanguard Group
Vibration Specialty Corporation
Wachovia
Wouch, Maloney & Co., LLP

Professional Accounting Associations

AGN International-North America AGN International is a worldwide association of separate and independent accounting and consulting firms.

Affiliated Conference of Practicing Accountants International Worldwide association of independent accounting firms, which collectively form a global alliance and resource network for firms and their clients.

American Accounting Association The American Accounting Association promotes worldwide excellence in accounting education, research and practice

American Society of Women Accountants Formed in 1938 to increase the opportunities for women in all fields of accounting and finance

American Women's Society of Certified Public Accountants AWSCPA is the only organization devoted exclusively to the support and professional development of women CPAs.

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners is an international professional member organization dedicated to fighting fraud and white-collar crime

Association of Chartered Accountants in the U.S. Homepage of the Association of Chartered Accountants in the United States (ACAUS)

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants Professional body for Chartered Certified Accountants, Certified Accounting Technicians and holders of the Certified Diploma in Accounting and Finance (CDipAF)

Association of Government Accountants The educational organization dedicated to the enhancement of public financial management. AGA serves the professional interests of financial managers, from local, state and federal governments, as well as public accounting firms

Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA) ALPFA is the leading professional association dedicated to enhancing opportunities for Latinos in the accounting, finance and related professions.

Beta Alpha Psi Professional accounting and business fraternity, Beta Alpha Psi recognizes academic excellence and complements members' formal education by providing interaction between students, faculty, and professionals

Extra Accounting Links

Accounting Today This bi-weekly publication provides excellent coverage of important trends in the accounting profession. Good background reading.

CPA Journal This monthly journal provides information of general interest to CPAs and activities at the major public accounting firms.

Journal of Accountancy. One of the leading accounting monthly's. Covers the profession well and also has a good section with job listings.

Wiley CPA Examination Review
Published annually, this comprehensive study guide for the Certified Public Accountant's (CPA) Exam arms readers with detailed outlines and study guidelines, plus skill-building problems and solutions that help them to master the topics that need the most work.

Bureau of Labor Statistics - Accountants and Auditors

The Accounting Degree Guide - A comprehensive guide to Accounting degree programs

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