



# ACCOUNTING

UNDERGRADUATE *and* GRADUATE PROGRAMS



UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING  
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

# ABOUT THE PROGRAM

## MISSION

The Department of Accounting at the University of Wyoming (UW) shares with the University and the College of Business, the fundamental mission of quality undergraduate and graduate level education.

## WHY MAJOR IN ACCOUNTING

Accountants are in high demand and the accounting profession is projected to be one of the fastest growing career fields for years to come. Public accounting firms, manufacturing and service businesses of all types, and governmental and not-for-profit organizations need bright, articulate individuals to analyze, interpret, and communicate business information. However, research indicates that many people make up their minds before they get to college that accounting is about number crunching and desk work—nothing could be further from the truth! In most cases, the important characteristics of a person who is successful in accounting is his or her ability to work with people and a desire to play a leading role in the heart of the fast-paced, dynamic world of business. Accountants provide the information that businesses need to evaluate performance and plan for the future. Accountants have the financial knowledge and analytical skills needed by every organization to ride the wave of success in a global economy.



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Accounting is a four-year degree program that prepares students to enter the workforce or to enroll in our Master of Science in Accounting program. Students explore all aspects of the practice of accounting including accounting information systems, financial accounting, management accounting, taxation, and auditing.

The Master of Science (M.S.) in Accounting program is a 30 credit-hour graduate program designed to provide individuals holding undergraduate accounting degrees with advanced accounting education, additional advanced business education, and/or education in disciplines outside the College of Business.

The current combined curricula (B.S. and M.S.) enable students to satisfy the educational requirements to sit for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam in Wyoming and other jurisdictions.

## OUR FACULTY

Our faculty approach accounting education from two important perspectives: to provide a practical learning experience to deal with the present business environment and to prepare students to be adaptable, life-long learners in order to deal with an evolving business landscape. They're here to show you that as an accounting major, you'll be at the heart of information management—and information is power! The faculty possess a wide range of business experience that serves as a foundation for degrees designed to combine real-world skills with theoretical knowledge while promoting a high standard of professional ethics.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Accountants are trained to serve in a variety of capacities including as auditors, tax specialists, information systems experts, company accountants, consultants, and financial advisors, to name a few. Again, in almost all of these jobs, the most important characteristic for a person to succeed is his or her ability to communicate and work with people. The breadth of opportunities in accounting is so great that you can almost certainly find one that suits your personality and interests.

UW's Accounting students are in high demand. Examples of positions recently accepted by our graduates include certified public accountant (CPA), information manager, chief financial officer, corporate controller, certified financial planner (CFP), business manager, certified internal auditor (CIA), bank examiner, certified management accountant (CMA), Internal Revenue Service Agent, management program trainer, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Agent, and FBI Special Agent.



## AND FINALLY

If you are able to complete the accounting degree, there is a high probability you will have a long and satisfying career. The accounting program at UW has virtually a 100% placement rate. Starting salaries for our graduates are typically in the range of \$30,000–\$60,000. Many graduates have multiple offers upon graduation. With some experience, you will find that your skills are very portable; you can live and work almost anywhere.

## ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The College of Business was founded in 1899 as the University of Wyoming School of Commerce and Industry. While the programs offered have changed over the years, the college remains firmly committed to a tradition of excellence. This includes our dedication to excellence in teaching, internationally recognized intellectual contributions, integration of teaching with scholarship, and service that has tangible impacts on the state and professional community.

The College of Business has three academic departments: Accounting, Economics and Finance, and Management and Marketing. The college also houses the Peter M. and Paula Green Johnson Career Center (including a student internship office) and the online business programs office, which are instrumental in maintaining the college's links with the business world.

*Persons seeking admission, employment, or access to programs at the University of Wyoming shall be considered without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, veteran status, sexual orientation, or political belief.*

# ACCREDITATION

The University of Wyoming's College of Business is one of only 482 business schools in North America (out of more than 1,300 business schools) accredited by AACSB International. AACSB International's accreditation assures quality and promotes excellence and continuous improvement in undergraduate and graduate education for business administration.

Why should you care that we're AACSB accredited? It means that we have been found by our own business school peers to have a mission appropriate to management education that is accomplished through relevant curricula, qualified faculty, and effective policies and practices. This has been determined through a rigorous self-evaluation and peer review process.

Accreditation by AACSB International shows that our programs satisfy criteria established and accepted by the management education community. This means that both you and your future employer can be sure that your course of study is current and reflects changes in knowledge and practices generally accepted in the management education community. You're also ensured that your studies will guide you in understanding today's complex business environment.



# CODE OF THE WEST

Promoting excellence, scholarship, and progress, the College of Business is dedicated to fulfilling, and exceeding, the mission of the University of Wyoming. It strives to do so by promoting excellence in teaching, internationally recognized intellectual contributions, integration of teaching with scholarship, and service that has tangible impacts on the state and professional community. The College of Business is driving an effort to expose Wyoming businesses to the ten principles of The Code of West—the official code of the State of Wyoming—with the goal of having each firm adopt it or a code of their choosing/creation.

- ✓ Live Each Day with Courage
- ✓ Take Pride in Your Work
- ✓ Always Finish What You Start
- ✓ Do What Has to Be Done
- ✓ Be Tough, but Fair
- ✓ When You Make a Promise, Keep It
- ✓ Ride for the Brand
- ✓ Talk Less and Say More
- ✓ Remember That Some Things Aren't for Sale
- ✓ Know Where to Draw the Line

*What's your code?*

Derived from the book *Cowboy Ethics*, by James Owen



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