



Accounting and Accounting Information Systems Major - New Brunswick

The Field

Accounting is an integral part of every business. Accounting professionals help to ensure that firms are run efficiently, public records are kept accurately, and taxes are paid properly and on time. They analyze and communicate financial information for various entities such as companies, individual clients, and federal, state and local governments. Beyond carrying out the fundamental tasks of the occupation—providing information to clients by preparing, analyzing, and verifying financial documents—many accountants also offer budget analysis, financial and investment planning, information technology consulting, and limited legal services.

Most accountants and auditors need at least a bachelor's degree in accounting or a related field. Many accountants and auditors choose to obtain certification to help advance their careers, such as becoming a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). Any accountant filing a report with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) is required by law to be a CPA. This may include senior level accountants working for or on behalf of public companies that are registered with the SEC. CPAs are licensed by their State Board of Accountancy.

Key Facts:

- **Top 20 Public Undergraduate Business School in the U.S.** (*Poets & Quants*, 2025)
- The “Big Four” Accounting firms recruit from Rutgers Business School
- Many students continue on to take the CPA Exam after earning their BS in Accounting



Career Paths

Public accountants perform a broad range of accounting, auditing, tax, and consulting activities for their clients, which may be corporations, governments, nonprofit organizations, or individuals. Some public accountants specialize in forensic accounting—investigating and interpreting white-collar crimes such as securities fraud and embezzlement, bankruptcies and contract disputes, and other complex and possibly criminal financial transactions, including money laundering by organized criminals. Management accountants—also called cost, managerial, industrial, corporate, or private accountants—record and analyze the financial information of the companies for which they work. Government Accountants may work as Internal Revenue Service agents or in financial management, financial institution examination, or budget analysis and administration. Internal auditors verify the effectiveness of their organization's internal controls and check for mismanagement, waste, or fraud.

Compensation

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, 2024 Edition, Accountants and Auditors, graduates with bachelor's degrees in accounting received offers with a median salary of \$81,680.

Path to Major

Students can obtain a BS degree in Accounting and Accounting Information Systems. Additionally, students preparing for a career in public accounting, who meet specified academic requirements, have the opportunity to enroll in an accounting program at the master's level at Rutgers Business School.

Required Courses (24 credits) for students admitted after Fall 2022

COURSE#	TITLE	CREDITS
33:010:325	Intermediate Accounting I	3
33:010:458	Accounting Information Systems	3
33:010:326	Intermediate Accounting II	3
33:010:451	Cost Accounting	3
33:010:415	Concepts of Auditing	3
33:010:421	Income Tax Accounting	3
33:010:401	Advanced Accounting	3
33:010:416	Audit Analytics	3
33:010:422	Topics in Income Taxation	3

Accounting and Accounting Information Systems Major Special Notes

- Starting Summer 2024, 33:390:310 Financial Management for Finance majors will not be offered. All RBS students will take 33:390:300 Financial Management regardless of major. A grade of B or higher will be required in 33:390:300 to declare the finance major or finance concentration and to take any additional courses in the finance department.
- If you major in Accounting and Accounting Information Systems as your first, second or third major, you are required to take 33:010:458 Accounting Information System and 33:140:320 Business Law I. You will not earn credit for taking 33:136:370 Management Information System. You can earn credit towards graduation if you take 33:522:334 Business Ethics but it will not fulfill a major requirement.
- Students with more than one Business School major may only double count one RBS course between those majors.



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Sample Occupations:

- Budget Analyst
- Chief Financial Officer (CFO)
- Compliance Officer
- Cost Management Specialist
- Financial Analyst
- Financial Manager
- Forensic Accountant
- Internal Auditor
- IRS Agent
- IRS Investigator
- Management Consultant
- Public Accountant
- Tax Consultant
- Technology and Data Analyst

Where Grads are Working:

- Amazon
- Deloitte
- Ernst & Young
- Goldman Sachs
- Google
- Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ
- IRS
- Johnson & Johnson
- J.P. Morgan
- KPMG
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Prudential Financial

