



Accounting and Accounting Information Systems Major - Newark

The Field

Accounting is the language of business and is fundamental to decision-making for organizations across all industries. Accountants record transactions, provide strategic insights, ensure regulatory compliance, and help organizations manage complex financial environments. From public accounting and auditing to technology consulting, data analysis, corporate finance, investment planning, and forensic investigation, the profession offers a wide variety of rewarding career options and choices.

Accountants are employed across nearly every economic sector, including, but not limited to, auditing and financial services, consulting, real estate, government, banking, retail, transportation, information services, and technology. They often work hand-in-hand with top management to generate critical insights that drive strategic decision-making.

Rutgers' Accounting and Accounting Information Systems program imparts analytical, technical, and strategic skills to students that are increasingly essential in today's business environment. Students learn to evaluate business transactions, prepare and interpret financial reports, and apply technology to enhance decision-making. The curriculum spans key areas such as financial reporting, managerial accounting, information technology, auditing, taxation, and data analytics. In particular, we are integrating advanced data technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI) with accounting domain knowledge in our course design.

Career Paths

Public accountants and consultants provide auditing, tax, and advisory services to corporations, governments, nonprofits, and individuals. Specialized areas include forensic accounting, where professionals investigate financial crimes, regulatory breaches, bankruptcies, and contract disputes. Managerial accountants, also known as cost, corporate, or private accountants, record and analyze financial information to guide decision-making, enhance efficiency, and support strategic planning. Focus areas include corporate accounting, budgeting, and performance analysis. Governmental accountants, auditors, and budget analysts impact society by serving federal, state, and local governments in a variety of roles, ensuring compliance, transparency, and efficient resource management within public sector organizations.

Key Facts:

- **Top 20 Business School for Highest Return on Investment in the Nation** (*Poets & Quants*, 2024)
- **Expert Faculty:** The Accounting & Information Systems Department is ranked #1 Globally for Accounting Information Systems Research.
- **Strong Industry Connections:** Leading companies, including the "Big Four" (Deloitte, EY, KPMG, and PwC), actively recruit Rutgers Business School students.
- **Diverse Careers:** Graduates excel across various industries such as accounting, corporate finance, banking, consulting, healthcare, government, and technology.
- **Career Advancement:** Many graduates pursue certifications like the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a Masters degree to enhance their credentials and careers.



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

Required Courses (30 credits)

COURSE#	TITLE	CREDITS
29:010:485	Accounting Information Systems	3
29:010:423	Advanced Accounting	3
29:010:430	Auditing	3
29:010:319	Business Law I	3
29:010:304	Cost Accounting	3
29:010:413	Federal Tax I	3
29:010:305	Intermediate Accounting I	3
29:010:306	Intermediate Accounting II	3
29:010:460	Auditing Analytics	3
29:010:414	Fed Tax II	3

Elective Courses (3 credits)

COURSE#	TITLE	CREDITS
29:390:330	Corporate Finance	3
29:010:414	Federal Tax II	3
29:010:475	CPA Level Financial Accounting & Reporting	3
29:010:496	Accounting Internship/Cooperative	AR
29:010:498	Independent Study in Accounting	AR

*AR = Credits by arrangement

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



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