

ACCOUNTING

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS



MAJORS

- Accounting (BSBA)*
- Accounting Online (BSBA)* this online degree completion program is not available for first year students

MINORS

- Accounting
- Business Analytics

CERTIFICATE

- Accounting

GRADUATE PROGRAM

- Master of Business Administration (MBA)

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WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN ACCOUNTING DEGREE?

One of the most attractive features of an accounting degree is the breadth and wealth of available job opportunities. Accounting is a profession, and a technical degree that is highly valued in the business community. A wide scope of businesses employ recent accounting graduates in roles that include a full range of accountant positions, from forensic accountants to tax accountants and everything in between. Numerous other positions are available to accounting graduates, such as auditors, bankers, budget analysts, financial managers and even law enforcement positions. Employers value the skills and knowledge gained from the SRU accounting curriculum, and qualified candidates are in demand. **Accounting is the most frequently posted job in the U.S., after nursing.** Accounting graduates with enough credit hours can also seek licensure as a certified public accountant. While a helpful credential, the CPA is not necessary for many careers in this field of abundant opportunity. Other popular certifications accountants seek include Certified Management Accountant, Certified Internal Auditor and Certified Fraud Examiner, to name a few.

ACCOUNTING AT SRU

The accounting program at SRU is designed to prepare graduates for career success. SRU faculty members teach and reinforce the fundamentals of accounting, but the curriculum goes far beyond that. In addition to the core areas, students can explore through elective coursework topics such as forensic accounting, fraud examination, accounting data analytics and internal audit. Success in the business world depends on more than technical aptitude. SRU recognizes that reality and educates accounting students in other critical business concepts such as economics, finance and management, along with teaching communication and interpersonal skills. Accounting falls under the School of Business which is Accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

As a further option for student success, SRU offers a five-year program to obtain both undergraduate and graduate degrees. Graduates of the 4+1 program receive both a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and a Master of Business Administration as well. While the 4+1 program may not be for every student, it is an especially attractive and efficient option for students seeking to sit for the CPA exam.

WHY CHOOSE SRU ACCOUNTING?

- 1. Graduate Program:** A 4+1 BSBA/MBA program is available for students who are qualified on the basis of scholastic aptitude, academic performance and accounting-related work experience.
- 2. Professional Faculty:** Classes are taught by professionals with both a strong theoretical understanding of business administration and a working knowledge of modern accounting practices. Our faculty has a diverse range of professional backgrounds, including internal auditing, government auditing, personal finance, tax preparation, public accounting and more.
- 3. Internships:** SRU has a well-established Business Internship Program that provides opportunities for on-the-job experience while earning college credits.
- 4. Small Class Sizes:** SRU's undergraduate accounting program offers small class sizes and plenty of opportunities for one-on-one consultation with faculty members.
- 5. Student Organizations:** There are a number of clubs and organizations students can participate in to learn more about their area of study outside the classroom. These opportunities provide students with a variety of occasions to develop professional contacts, enhance course of study with hands-on applications and build lasting friendships within the business community.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SRU Accounting students have completed internships at various locations including:

- Allegheny County Airport Authority, Pittsburgh
- Arnett, Carbis, Toothman, New Castle
- BDO
- Blue Slate Accounting, Zelienople
- Bonus Accounting, Chicora
- Ernst & Young (E&Y)
- FNB Corporation, Pittsburgh
- General Electric, Grove City
- KPMG
- Packer Thomas CPAs, New Castle
- PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC)
- PNC, Pittsburgh
- Schneider Downs, Pittsburgh
- U.S. Postal Service Office of the Inspector General
- VITA Tax internship, Butler and Slippery Rock
- Westinghouse Electric Company, Pittsburgh

CAREER OUTCOMES

Graduates have secured careers in the following areas:

- Auditor, USPS OIG
- Auditor, E&Y
- Chief financial officer, MSA, Aramark & Armstrong Utilities
- Partner, Big 4, regional and local accounting firms
- Risk and accounting analyst, Mitsubishi Electric Power
- Senior auditor, Big 4, regional and local accounting firms
- Senior tax revenue auditor, PA Department of Revenue
- Staff accountant, General Electric
- Staff auditor, Black Bashor & Porsch, LLP
- Analyst, BNY Mellon
- Analyst, PNC in Accounting Development Program

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Alpha Kappa Psi: Professional Business Fraternity
- Beta Gamma Sigma: International Honor Society
- Student Accounting Society



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Kyle Chopko, '23

BSBA Accounting, Internship at PriceWaterhouseCoopers

"Slippery Rock's Accounting Department is one that students can be excited about. They offer a wide range of courses that are specifically designed to make you critically think, yet provide the opportunity to earn high grades. Once I graduate from SRU, I am confident that I will have a successful future ahead of me, thanks in part to the staff and professors at the SRU."

Andrea Boggs, '14

Global Financial Analysis Lead at MSA

"The accounting program at SRU is designed to help students excel in the real world. Small class sizes allow students to interact one-on-one with professors and to form strong relationships with fellow classmates. The program also has a strong alumni base which helped me to secure a job with one of the Big Four right out of college."

Thomas Younkings, '12 & '15

Auditor, Defense Contract Agency

"The SRU accounting program provided me with invaluable lessons and knowledge in business administration and accounting that enabled me to take my career in a variety of directions after graduation."

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