

Bachelor of Arts in **Accounting**

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WHAT DO STUDENTS LEARN?

Students develop a strong understanding of accounting and business concepts in order to communicate critical financial information and analyze it for business and enterprise decision-making. Their studies provide a strong foundation in financial accounting (external focus); managerial accounting (internal focus); accounting information systems and analysis; taxation; and internal controls/auditing. Students also develop critical thinking skills and analysis, communication skills, research skills, and information systems skills to provide the foundation for continued education and growth throughout their careers.

WHAT DO GRADUATES GO ON TO DO?

There is a great diversity of opportunities for accounting students in all areas of business entities, not-for-profit entities, and government at the federal, state and local levels. Early career opportunities include corporate accountant, project accountant, auditor, financial analyst, tax analyst, and accounting information systems analyst. Accounting majors typically progress to managerial and senior managerial levels based on education and experience that contribute to the successful management of resources.

The Chatham BA in Accounting program provides a solid liberal arts education coupled with outstanding foundation in business knowledge and skills that you can apply in diverse and challenging internships and applied project opportunities. Through individualized attention by dedicated faculty with excellent business and professional experience; great networking opportunities; and our award winning Center for Women's Entrepreneurship and Women's Business Center, you will have many opportunities to further develop your skills and network. Finally, you will benefit from our commitment to addressing issues such as sustainability, gender issues, and international business, with professionals, faculty, community members, and fellow students, all from diverse backgrounds.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- All students complete a capstone seminar that channels the knowledge they've accumulated into a discipline-specific project under close faculty guidance.
- Set yourself apart with a minor in one of Chatham's other undergraduate business programs (economics, marketing, management information systems, management, international business, or applied data science analytics), or in another field such as psychology or communications.
- Qualified students may be eligible for Chatham's Master of Accounting (MAcc), Master of Business Administration (MBA), or other Integrated Degree Programs, which allow you to save money and speed time to acquiring both bachelor's and master's degrees.
- Experienced faculty with current accounting and finance skills facilitate students' application of accounting in today's environment.
- Chatham's Business & Entrepreneurship Department promotes student engagement with members of the professional community by bringing accounting industry professionals to campus for networking events; taking students to conferences and career events off campus; and connecting students and professional associations.
- The Center for Women's Entrepreneurship (CWE) connects students with area business leaders and promotes events on campus.

SAMPLE COURSES

Auditing

The course engages the student in a study of auditing objectives, standards, and procedures employed in the examination of business enterprises and verification of their financial statements. Topics include an evaluation of internal control, preparation of work papers, report writing, professional ethics, and current auditing trends.

Cost Analysis

Cost Analysis introduces students to the role cost considerations play in management decision making. Topics include the classification and allocation of costs, job order and process costing, standard costs, budgeting and planning, cost-volume-profit analysis, and using costs as performance measurements.

Accounting Information Systems

This course examines critical business processes and IT audits through theories of Accounting Information Systems (AIS) and using auditing tools and enterprise systems. Case analyses and project assignments nurture professional competence in communicating objectives and procedures through systems documentation techniques, systems analysis and design methodologies, and information processing.

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INTERNSHIPS

Students have interned at a variety of settings, including organizations such as:

- Deloitte
- PricewaterhouseCoopers LLC
- Mylan
- Clifton Larson
- Pitt-Ohio
- Sisterson & Co, LLP
- Giant Eagle
- Goodwill of SWPA
- GNC Inc.
- United Way-YWCA
- Schneider Downs & Co., Inc.

ACCREDITATION

Chatham University has received specialized accreditation for its business programs through the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE).



“Chatham was the perfect fit because the class sizes are small so students get individual attention from the professors. And Chatham has the Integrated Degree Program that allows me to get my bachelor’s and master’s in accounting in just five years. This also puts me at 150 hours for my CPA.”

—RACHEL KOLAR '18, MACC '19



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