



COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Department of ACCOUNTING

International Acclaim. Individual Attention.

Fast Facts

The Department of Accounting is committed to providing students the general education and technical knowledge necessary to enter the accounting profession and to pursue a successful professional career. The field of accounting offers challenging and rewarding opportunities in public accounting, tax accounting, industry, government and not-for-profit organizations.

Prospective accountants must be prepared to work in an increasingly complex environment. In addition to accounting knowledge, the successful accountant must possess a broad knowledge of business. Other essential skills include the ability to communicate well verbally and in writing, the ability to work well with and motivate others, the ability to organize and manage tasks and other people, and the ability to use sound professional judgment.

Students planning to be licensed as a Certified Public Accountant in the state of Florida must complete a five-year education program with a concentration in accounting. Completion of the MAcc program satisfies this requirement.

Rankings & Recognitions:

- According to the annual *Public Accounting Report*, the College's undergraduate accounting program is ranked No. 24, the graduate program is ranked No. 19 and the doctoral program is ranked at No. 23.
- *U.S. News & World Report* ranks the College of Business undergraduate program No. 30 among public institutions.
- FSU is ranked No. 17 by *Kiplinger's* for the best value in public colleges across the country.

Degrees Offered: B.S. in Accounting; M.S. in Accounting with concentrations in Assurance Services, Accounting Information Systems, Corporate Accounting, and Taxation; and Ph.D. in Accounting.

Faculty: The faculty consists of 20 full-time faculty members which includes four (5) Named Professorships.

Total Enrollment of Accounting Students: 702 (Spring '09)

International Coursework: Business coursework is offered in the U.K., France, Switzerland, Spain, China, Japan, Central and South America and Australia.

Student Opportunities:

Leadership is earned through connecting the classroom to the world by engaging students in events and hands-on projects such as:

The Accounting Society - provides opportunities for students to participate in community volunteering and leadership activities and to improve interviewing and communication skills in addition to social activities while interacting with other students and faculty.

Beta Alpha Psi - is a business fraternity that provides its members with insight on career paths by inviting speakers from the professional field. It also undertakes campus and community service and hosts numerous social activities.

Mock Interviews - are traditionally held during the fall semester and are an excellent way for students to become familiar with the interview process. Students are able to participate in one-on-one practice interviews with recruiters from large accounting firms. They serve not only as a great way to experience actual interview conditions, but as a great networking opportunity.

Scholarships:

Generous support from a number of individuals, public accounting firms and organizations allow for undergraduate accounting major scholarships. Both undergraduate and Master of Accounting students are eligible for scholarships offered by the Florida Institute of CPAs (FICPA). Assistantships and Fellowships are also available to graduate students.

Current Editorial Boards Faculty Serve On:

Advances in Accounting
Financial Management
International Journal of Accounting Information Systems
International Journal of Information Quality
Issues in Accounting Education
Journal of Database Management
Journal of Information Systems
Public Budgeting

Recent Journal Articles:

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