



## THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

### DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING

# FAST FACTS

The Department of Accounting is committed to providing students the education and technical knowledge necessary to enter the accounting profession and 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, work well with and motivate others, organize and manage tasks and other people and use sound professional judgment.

Students, who desire to become 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 Master of Accounting (MAcc) program satisfies this requirement.

#### Rankings & Recognitions:

- According to the annual *Public Accounting Report*, the Florida State's graduate accounting program is ranked in the Top 30 programs in the U.S.
- FSU accounting students consistently pass the CPA examination at rates significantly higher than the national average.
- *U.S. News & World Report* ranks the College of Business undergraduate program No. 43 among public institutions.
- FSU is ranked No. 18 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, including four (4) named professors and one (1) fellow.

#### Total Student Enrollment:

715 (Fall 2011)

#### International Coursework:

Business coursework is offered in Chile, Italy, Japan, Panama, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

#### Student Opportunities:

Leadership is earned through connecting the classroom to the world by engaging students in organizations such as:

- The **Association for Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA)** is an organization that provides opportunities for its members through workshops, conferences and conventions to help students develop as both professionals and individuals.
- **Beta Alpha Psi** is an honorary organization for financial information students and professionals. The primary objective of Beta Alpha Psi is to encourage and give recognition to scholastic and professional excellence in the business information field.
- The **Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA)** is a global membership association for IT professionals that provides professional connections and exchange viewpoints on industry topics.
- The **National Association of Black Accountants (NABA)** addresses the professional needs of its members and builds leaders in the accounting, finance and business-related professions through its activities.
- **Women in Accounting** is a student organization that addresses the unique challenges facing women entering the accounting profession through its meetings, events and networking opportunities.

#### Scholarships:

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

**Faculty serve on editorial boards for the following journals:**

*The Accounting Review*  
*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 Faculty Publications:**

**Atwood, T.J.**, M. Drake, L. Myers and J. Myers (2011). "Do Earnings Reported Under IFRS Tell Us More About Future Earnings and Cash Flows?" *Journal of Accounting and Public Policy*.

Baik, Bok, Jun-Koo Kang and **Richard M. Morton** (2010). "Why Are Analysts Less Likely to Follow Firms with High Managerial Ownership?" *Journal of Accounting, Auditing and Finance*.

**Blay, A.D.**, K. Kadous and K.M. Sawers (Forthcoming 2012). "The Impact of Risk and Affect on Information Search Efficiency," *Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes*.

Dunn, Cheryl L., **Gregory J. Gerard** and Severin V. Grabski (2011). "Diagrammatic Attention Management and the Effect of Conceptual Model Structure on Cardinality Validation," *Journal of the Association for Information Systems*.

**Fennema, M.G.** and L. Koonce (2011). "Mental Accounting in Financial Reporting and Voluntary Disclosure," *Journal of Accounting Literature*.

**Greenberg, Rochelle K.** and Neil A. Wilner (2011). "Teaching Inventory Accounting: A Simple Learning Strategy to Achieve Student Understanding," *Issues in Accounting Education*.

**Heflin, Frank** and Kenneth Shaw (2011). "Credit Ratings and Disclosure Channels," *Research in Accounting Regulation*.

**Heflin, Frank**, Wilma Kross and Inho Suk (Forthcoming 2012). "The Effect of Regulation FD on Management Earnings Forecasts," *Journal of Accounting and Public Policy*.

**Paterson, Jeff** and Adrian Valencia (2011). "The Effects of Recurring and Nonrecurring Tax, Audit-Related, and Other Nonaudit Services on Auditor Independence," *Contemporary Accounting Research*.

**Paterson, Jeff**, Carl Pacini and Salar Ghahramani (Forthcoming 2012). "The Uncertain Liability of Accounting and Other Professionals in Securities Fraud Cases: The Shifting Sands of Central Bank," *Journal of Forensic and Investigative Accounting*.

**Reynolds, J.K.**, W. Messier, D. Wood and C. Simon (2011). "The Effects of Using the Internal Audit Function as a Management Training Ground on Internal Audit Quality and External Audit Fees," *The Accounting Review*.

**Stevens, Doug**, Linda Bamber and Orié Barron (2011). "Trading Volume around Earnings Announcements and Other Financial Reports: Theory, Research Design, Empirical Evidence, and Directions for Future Research," *Contemporary Accounting Research*.

**Stevens, Doug**, Jessen Hobson and Mark Mellon (2011). "Determinants of Moral Judgments Regarding Budgetary Slack: An Experimental Examination of Pay Scheme and Personal Values," *Behavioral Research in Accounting*.

**Stevens, Doug** and Alex Thevaranjan (2010). "A Moral Solution to the Moral Hazard Problem," *Accounting, Organizations, and Society*.

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