ACCOUNTING IS THE PROCESS of reporting, communicating and translating business information, which is crucial to every organization operating in today’s marketplace. Students learn concepts and skills, as well as values and professional responsibility, and are ready for careers in accounting, taxation, auditing and more.

The Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) in Accounting:

► Four-year program leads to the BSBA in Accounting and also can fulfill requirements for the CPA exam.
► Five-year program leads to the BSBA in Accounting and an MBA, and satisfies requirements for the CPA exam.

The Xavier Advantage:

► Benefit from student organizations such as the Accounting Society and Beta Alpha Psi for opportunities to develop leadership skills, be part of meaningful service activities, and network with members and practicing professionals in the local, regional and national business community.
► Participate in Xavier’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program and obtain hands-on experience preparing tax returns for low-income and elderly members of the community.
► Choose to complete up to two distinct accounting internships in the last two years of study with local and national firms in both public accounting and private industry.
► Get involved in the Xavier Accountancy Young Professionals Group, which offers career preparation and social events, and helps students build professional networks.

Xavier accounting graduates go on to:

► Deloitte, LLP
► Fifth Third Bank
► Grant Thornton, LLP
► Internal Revenue Service
► Macy’s, Inc.
► Meridian Bioscience, Inc.
► The Kroger Co.

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THE PROGRAM
The Department of Accountancy in the Williams College of Business (WCB) offers the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) in Accounting. This is a four-year program that may be a terminal degree for students not interested in pursuing the CPA certificate, or as a step toward fulfilling the 150-hour requirement (mandated by Ohio and other states) to sit for the CPA examination.

The professional accountancy program is a five-year program that enables a student to earn a BSBA in Accounting and an MBA while satisfying the 150-hour requirement for the CPA exam. Students are allowed to seek admission to the MBA program during their senior year. Those accepted may begin taking a limited number of graduate courses while completing their undergraduate degree. Many students complete the professional accountancy program in less than five years.

RESOURCES
Accounting faculty members have earned doctorate degrees from distinguished institutions around the nation. Most faculty members have worked in the business community or continue to serve as consultants to the Cincinnati business community, and on local and global boards of professional organizations, which enables them to bring firsthand knowledge and experience into the classroom. Xavier accountancy faculty work closely with students to secure internships and full-time positions after graduation in a variety of areas including public accounting, private industry, as well as governmental and nonprofit organizations.

In addition to traditional studies, accounting majors may be eligible to:

- Get practical experience through internships, earning competitive wages and academic credit while gaining relevant work experience at leading firms.
- Join Xavier’s Accounting Society and Beta Alpha Psi which enables students to meet professional auditors, tax and systems accountants, and accountants who provide management advisory services. Speakers from public accounting and industry share their experiences in the business community. Students also attend career nights sponsored by the local chapter of the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants, Financial Executives International, other professional organizations, and the Xavier University annual “Meet the Firms Night.”
- Attend national student leadership conferences hosted by the Institute of Management Accountants and Beta Alpha Psi International.
- Get involved in local community service events such as “Accounting for Kids Day.”
- Participate in the Deloitte & Touche Tax Case Study Competition. Xavier students have reached the national finals once (among only 10 out of 100-plus schools to do so) and have earned national honorable mention six times, placing Xavier in the top 20 programs in the country. Many Xavier students who have participated in this program have received significant scholarships to pursue a master’s in taxation.
- Get tax preparation experience and earn academic credit as part of the department’s volunteer income tax assistance (VITA) program to provide income tax preparation service to low-income and elderly members of the community.

OUTCOMES
Graduates in accounting find professional career opportunities in a wide variety of areas. According to NACE, the average starting salary for accounting majors is $49,022 for 2011, which is consistent with the salary levels for our graduates. The majority of Xavier graduates complete accounting certification and the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam. Many graduates also pursue the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) designation as well as the Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) designation.

The placement rate for accountancy majors is extremely high: For the graduating class of 2010, 95 percent of accountancy graduates were either employed full-time or enrolled in a graduate program within 180 days of graduation.

For WCB graduates overall, the average starting salary for the Class of 2010: $41,057 and 90 percent were employed full-time or enrolled in graduate studies within 180 days of graduation; 72 percent secured a job prior to graduation. Eighty-one percent of WCB graduates completed internships during college.

The following are among the positions held by recent accounting majors:
- Auditor and tax positions in public accounting firms such as Barnes and Dennig, B KD, Clarke Schaefer & Hackett, Decosimo, Deloitte, Ernst & Young, Grant Thornton, KPMG, Plante & Moran, PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Financial compliance analyst, Meridian Bioscience
- Internal auditor, The Kroger Company, Fifth Third Bank, Western and Southern Financial Group
- Budget analyst, Internal Revenue Service
- Financial leadership program, Fifth Third Bank
- Staff accountant, Macy’s, Inc., Cincinnati Children’s Hospital

Accounting majors also may choose to continue on to graduate study at prestigious institutions around the country.

The accountancy advisory board helps the department formulate curriculum strategy to ensure that courses are current, applicable and relevant to the corporate community. Advisory board members also are invited to serve as mentors for undergraduate students and participate in faculty recruitment. In addition, they provide strategic advice on the outreach activities of the department in order to enhance the department’s corporate relationships.

Advisory board members represent such firms as Barnes Dennig & Co., Ltd., BKD LLP, Deloitte LLP, Ernst & Young LLP, Fifth Third Bank, Flynn & Company, Grant Thornton LLP, KPMG, Meridian Bioscience, Plante & Moran, PLLC, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Procter & Gamble, and Socius. Learn more at www.xavier.edu/williams/undergraduate/accountancy/advisory-board.cfm.
WILLIAMS COLLEGE
OF BUSINESS

The Williams College of Business (WCB) is nationally recognized for its outstanding educational experiences and the success of its students and faculty. The WCB is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), an international organization. Only 15 percent of business schools worldwide achieve this distinction. In 2010-11, the WCB was ranked:

- 11th in the U.S. in Entrepreneurship, undergraduate programs, by Entrepreneur Magazine
- 10th in the U.S., in Ethics, undergraduate programs, Bloomberg BusinessWeek

The WCB’s new building, Stephen & Dolores Smith Hall, was opened in 2010 to provide a state-of-the-art setting for one of the nation’s top-ranked business schools. Its features include:

- The Fifth Third Trading Center with scrolling stock tickers and state-of-the-art Bloomberg financial database terminals.
- 88,000 square feet, four floors, 17 high-tech classrooms and centers for entrepreneurship, applied finance, business ethics and academic advising.
- Space for executives-in-residence to work closely with students.
- Environment and programming for Fortune 500 companies to interact with and employ our students.

The WCB is one of the nation’s first colleges to offer a mentor program that pairs undergraduate and MBA students with leading executives to network and establish connections in the business world. The program offers an innovative approach, ensuring that WCB students have a viable and effective network of notable professional contacts assisting them in their career endeavors.

Learn more about the WCB at www.xavier.edu/williams/about.

CORE CURRICULUM

The foundation of Xavier’s success is its commitment to its Jesuit heritage. The Core Curriculum embodies Xavier’s mission and philosophy of education and serves as a valuable foundation for all undergraduate students. Within the Core, the four-course Ethics/Religion and Society (E/RS) Focus fosters students’ understanding of socially significant issues through study of the humanities, especially literature, philosophy and theology, as well as the social and natural sciences. Along with courses in their major, Xavier students also take Core courses in: cultural diversity, English composition, fine arts, foreign language, history, literature, mathematics, philosophy, science, social science and theology.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Core Curriculum: Minimum 64 credit hours

Major in accounting: 22 credit hours of specific 300- and 400-level accounting courses beyond the Business Core.


XAVIER AT A GLANCE

Founded in 1831, Xavier University is a Jesuit Catholic university in Cincinnati, Ohio, annually ranked among the nation’s best universities. Its three colleges offer 85 undergraduate majors, 54 minors and 11 graduate programs to 7,019 total students, including 4,368 undergraduates.

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