UNIVERSITY OF OREGON | Lundquist College of Business

ACCOUNTING MAJOR HANDOUT

Major Overview

Accounting students are highly recruited by a variety of organizations, taking positions in public accounting firms, industry, and government. The field includes areas such as auditing, management accounting, financial accounting, tax accounting, public-sector accounting, consulting and data analytics. Accountants become involved in issues ranging from the design of information systems to the formulation of acquisition strategies. Accounting professionals often have opportunities to work with and travel to international clients or even relocate abroad as part of their careers.

Students who choose to major in accounting embark upon a career in an exciting and prestigious profession. Firms recruit from all over. The School of Accounting has strong connections with many public accounting firms and companies, creating opportunities for accounting students to engage with recruiters and accounting professionals as soon as they show interest in accounting. Through our Gold Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, the international honors organization for financial information students and professionals, students participate in meaningful opportunities that develop their technical skills and begin their transition from student to professional. The University of Oregon chapter of Beta Alpha Psi is the second oldest in the nation.

The curriculum is challenging, emphasizing the development of skills in problem solving, analytical reasoning, and written and oral communication. Students participate in a variety of "real world" projects and obtain considerable hands-on applied software experience, including artificial intelligence (AI), that help develop strong data analytic and other technical skills. The program offers significant student/faculty interaction.

The Lundquist College of Business at the University of Oregon is fully accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). The UO School of Accounting also holds separate AACSB accounting accreditation, a distinction earned by a select group of schools.

Advising Notes

To enroll in 300 and 400 level courses, you must be admitted to the Lundquist College of Business. Guaranteed admission requires a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 and a pre-business core GPA of at least 3.00, with pre-business core courses taken for a letter grade and passed with a C- or better. Your ability to register for a specific course will depend upon available seating at the time you register. All upper division accounting courses must be taken at UO unless prior approval is obtained from the School of Accounting.

The accounting major totals 76 credits: the seven required upper-division accounting courses listed below, the upper-division business core (11 courses), and a 4-credit Cultural Awareness requirement. See the UO Catalog for complete requirements, including grade requirements.

Accounting Course Requirements

Course Title (Credit Hours)	Course	Pre-requisites
• Introduction to Accounting I, II (4, 4)	BA211Z, BA213Z	BA211Z is a pre-req for BA213Z
• Intermediate Accounting I (4)	ACTG 350	BA 213Z and pre-business core courses (see catalog)
• Intermediate Accounting II (4)	ACTG 351	ACTG 350, FIN 316
• Intermediate Accounting III (4)	ACTG 352	ACTG 351
• Cost Accounting (4)	ACTG 360	BA 213Z and pre-business core courses (see catalog)
• Auditing (4)	ACTG 440	ACTG 350
• Advanced Financial Accounting (4)	ACTG 450	ACTG 352
• Federal Taxation (4)	ACTG 470	See reg system or Ducks on Track for full pre-req info

2026-2027 Course Offering Schedule (expected)

Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
ACTG 350 (3)	ACTG 350 (4)	N/A	N/A
N/A	ACTG 351 (3)	ACTG 351 (3)	N/A
ACTG 352 (3)	N/A	ACTG 352 (3)	N/A
ACTG 360 (2)	ACTG 360 (2)	ACTG 360 (1)	N/A
ACTG 440 (2)	ACTG 440 (1)	ACTG 440 (2)	N/A
ACTG 450 (1)	ACTG 450 (2)	ACTG 450 (2)	N/A
ACTG 470 (2)	ACTG 470 (2)	ACTG 470 (1)	N/A
Electives offered* ACTG 340 Actg for Entrepreneurs ACTG 480 Acc Data Analytics I ACTG 425 Prof Ethics for Acct	Electives offered* ACTG 340 Actg for Entrepreneurs ACTG 435 Actg Info Systems ACTG 480 Acc Data Analytics I ACTG 404 Intern Accounting	Electives offered* ACTG 340 Actg for Entrepreneurs ACTG 460 Gvt Not for Profit Actg ACTG 425 Prof Ethics for Acct	Electives offered* ACTG 425 Prof Ethics for Acct ACTG 404 Intern Accounting

*Electives listed count as upper-division accounting credit toward the Oregon CPA exam requirement. ACTG 404 Internship (4 credits) requires an application before registration. Requirements differ by state, and each state board of accountancy makes the final decision on which courses qualify.

Contact Information

Undergraduate Main Advising Office

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Key Accounting Major Contacts

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Professional Activities and Support

Reading
Wall Street Journal
Bloomberg Businessweek
The Oregon Certified Public Accountant

Campus Opportunities
Beta Alpha Psi
Accounting Firm Office Hours
Prospective Accounting Major Reception
Meet the Firms (fall)
Meet the Professionals (winter)
New Major Celebration (spring)
UO Accounting Scholarships (winter)

Off-campus Opportunities
Internships (various)
OSCPA Career Showcase in Portland (fall)
Firm Open Houses (summer & fall)
Accounting Scholarships (various

Careers

Certified Public Accountant
CFO
Controller
Governmental Accountant
Nonprofit accountant
Data Analyst
ESG/Sustainability Auditor
Tax and financial planner
Internal auditor
Forensic accountant
Consultant
Entrepreneur

Key Websites

facebook.com/uoaccounting
nasba.org
uobap.com
oregon.gov/BOA
business.uoregon.edu/programs/master-accounting

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Master of Accounting (MAcc)

The UO Master of Accounting (MAcc) degree is the School of Accounting's recommended path to CPA licensure. In Oregon, a master's degree reduces the required supervised work experience from two years to one, and MAcc coursework covers the additional upper-division accounting credits needed to sit for the CPA exam. Through an integrated set of coursework, activities, experiences, and resources, MAcc students graduate with a holistic understanding of accounting and business enabling them to reach their full professional potential. The MAcc program takes only three terms to complete, and eligible seniors can begin MAcc courses while completing their undergraduate degree through Reservation of Graduate Credit. Qualified incoming freshmen with AP/IB or transfer credit may apply to the 3+1 Accounting Scholars program (winter term of the first year) to complete the bachelor's degree in three years and the MAcc in the fourth. Please contact Drew Stevenson (DMS2025@uoregon.edu) if you are interested in these options. More information is available at business.uoregon.edu/programs/master-accounting and business.uoregon.edu/programs/master-accounting/apply/3-plus-1-scholars.

CPA Licensing Information

School of Accounting Advice for the CPA Exam and License

The School of Accounting recommends that students planning a career in public accounting complete a master's degree in accounting. Passing the CPA exam is one step; a CPA license also requires a qualifying degree and supervised work experience. In Oregon, a master's degree shortens the required experience from two years to one, and the additional coursework builds the technical competencies and skills required of today's CPA. A master's degree also provides the most flexibility if you later decide to practice in another state.

Students do not have to earn a master's degree to become a CPA. A growing number of states offer an alternative pathway: a bachelor's degree plus two years of supervised experience. Oregon and Washington offer this pathway now, and California will begin offering it on January 1, 2027. Students can also complete 150 semester hours (225 quarter credits) without a master's degree. Requirements differ by state, so students should verify the education and experience requirements with the board of accountancy in the state where they plan to be licensed.

Licensing Requirements for CPAs in Oregon

To sit for the CPA exam in Oregon, you need a bachelor's degree, 36 quarter credits (24 semester hours) of upper-division (300- and 400-level) accounting courses, and an additional 36 quarter credits in business, economics, or accounting. BA 211Z and BA 213Z do not count toward the 36 upper-division accounting credits.

If you graduate with an undergraduate degree in accounting, you will earn 28 upper-division accounting credits (ACTG 350, 351, 352, 360, 440, 450, and 470). This means you will need 8 additional upper-division accounting credits to be eligible to sit for the CPA exam in Oregon. Students completing the UO MAcc will meet this requirement through their graduate coursework. Other students can meet it with two upper-division accounting electives (such as ACTG 340, 425, 435, 460, or 480) or with one elective plus ACTG 404 Internship (4 credits), which counts toward the 36 upper-division accounting credits.

Oregon offers three education pathways to a CPA license. Each requires passing the CPA exam and completing supervised experience: (1) a bachelor's degree plus a minimum of two years of experience; (2) a master's degree plus a minimum of one year; or (3) a bachelor's degree and 150 semester hours (225 quarter credits) plus a minimum of one year. One year of experience is 12 months full-time or 2,000 hours part-time over at least 12 months.

Visit the Oregon Board of Accountancy for the most up-to-date information: www.oregon.gov/BOA

Licensing Requirements for CPAs in other states

Each state sets its own requirements for the CPA exam and license. If you may work outside Oregon, check with the board of accountancy in that state well in advance of graduation. Pay particular attention to specific course requirements like ethics and information systems. For example, beginning January 1, 2027, California requires 3 semester units (4 quarter credits) of ethics coursework to sit for the CPA exam, which ACTG 425 Professional Ethics for Accountants can help satisfy. Licensing information for California and Washington are found here:

www.dca.ca.gov/cba/applicants/index.shtml
acb.wa.gov/individual-licensing

CPA licensing requirements can change from year-to-year, so make sure that you have the most current requirements at the time you plan to sit for the CPA exam and apply for your license.