

# ACCOUNTING

## MAJOR



## Accounting Highlights

The School of Accounting enjoys a national reputation for excellence and is viewed as a prime target for recruiting by accounting employers throughout the mid-Atlantic region. The program at JMU not only prepares students for careers in accounting but also auditing, consulting, finance and information systems.

### TWO DEGREE PROGRAMS

The School of Accounting offers both a Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) degree and a Master of Science in accounting (M.S. in accounting) degree. The 120 credit hour undergraduate degree consists of the four-year major in accounting, leading to the B.B.A. degree. During their junior year, many students choose to discuss enrolling in the graduate program. It leads seamlessly to the award of the B.B.A. degree after four years, followed by the M.S. in accounting degree at the end of five years and 150 hours of study.

- Our students **consistently rank among the top 5% of schools nationwide** for pass rate of first time takers of the Certified Public Accountants exam.
- Each fall, the **Meet the Firms** event offers ACTG, FIN and CIS majors a unique opportunity to network with firms in a career fair format.
- The **annual Accounting Externship Fair** provides an opportunity to connect with firms offering one or two-day visits to shadow an executive.
- Accounting students annually support the Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. They **assisted over 500 low-income taxpayers** in Spring 2022.
- **All of the accounting faculty hold professional certifications**, either as Certified Public Accountants or Certified Management Accountants.
- The College of Business is **one of 2% of business schools with both business and accounting accreditation** by AACSB International (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business).

## Career Possibilities

- Audit Partner
- Consultant
- Controller
- Cost Accountant
- Cost Analyst
- Fraud Examiner
- Internal Auditor
- Tax Adviser
- Tax Partner

### RECOMMENDED MINORS

- Business Analytics (BSAN)
- Computer Information Systems (CIS)

### CO-CURRICULAR ORGANIZATIONS

Choose from more than 25 College of Business co-ed fraternities, clubs and honor societies to connect with peers and build leadership skills.



For more details, scan the QR code or visit: [jmu.edu/cob/accounting](https://jmu.edu/cob/accounting)



## Differential Tuition

As a student in the College of Business (CoB), you'll pay "differential tuition," an additional fee over JMU's standard tuition. This enables us to add significant value to your overall academic experience, and is a practice common among top business schools. These funds help ensure that our students gain a competitive edge for internships and job openings by providing hands-on experiences such as career treks, professional networking opportunities and career-development activities.

## Starting Salaries\*

College of Business Major	Avg. Starting Salary
Accounting B.B.A.	\$62,827
<b>Avg. / All Majors</b>	<b>\$67,151</b>
<b>Avg. Signing Bonus</b>	<b>\$5,700</b>

\*This report highlights the post-graduation pursuits for 65% of the CoB Class of 2022 May bachelor's degree recipients.



— ALEX HALE ('21),  
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## Curriculum Highlights

### M.S. IN ACCOUNTING DEGREE OPTION

Since 150 hours of college credit are required to be licensed as a Certified Public Accountant in all 50 states, the M.S. in Accounting program is recommended for those electing a career in public accounting. It requires one additional year of coursework. A student must be admitted to the M.S. in accounting program in order to enroll in graduate courses, and admission is competitive. Students may apply following their junior year and early application for admission is encouraged.

### COB ACCEPTANCE

After completing the lower-level B.B.A Core Courses and earning at least a 2.7 average GPA in those courses (excluding calculus and managerial accounting) students may apply for formal acceptance into the College of Business and become eligible for upper-level courses.

### LOWER B.B.A. CORE COURSES

- COB 191 - Business Analytics I\*
- COB 202 - Interpersonal Skills
- COB 204 - Computer Information Systems
- COB 241 - Financial Accounting
- COB 242 - Managerial Accounting
- COB 291 - Business Analytics II
- ECON 200 - Intro to Macroeconomics
- ECON 201 - Intro to Microeconomics
- MATH 205 or 235 - Calculus\*

\*or equivalent

"The professors in the accounting department are some of the most engaging, personable, and helpful professors I've had the pleasure of working with. They push students to accomplish very difficult tasks but are always there to help. Outside of school, the professors are extremely willing to aid students in their transition to the professional world. They truly care about the future successes of students."