

# ACCOUNTING

## Program Description

Accounting is a degree with lots of possibilities. Every business needs accounting expertise, whether it's a Wall Street law firm, a professional sports team, a movie production company or a rock band. With the proper accounting education, employment options are endless.

The public accounting degree provides students with basic business skills as well as the accounting knowledge needed to pass the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam. Graduates of CMU's program have a very high CPA exam pass rate and are heavily recruited by local and regional CPA firms.

The general accounting concentration is designed for undergraduate students who do not wish to pursue CPA certification. This program provides students with basic business skills as well as accounting knowledge needed to work in an accounting department in private industry or government.

The accounting minor offers students majoring in other areas the opportunity to enhance their degrees with basic accounting knowledge. Since all businesses rely heavily on accounting functions, graduates with an accounting minor have a competitive advantage, particularly in the area of decision-making. Accounting knowledge is critical for business and, independent of major, the more accounting knowledge students have, the better prepared students will be for management positions.

The accounting program also offers an option of a five year (3+2) program which allows students to graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and a Master of Business Administration. This combination prepares students to earn the hours needed to sit for the CPA exam. Through careful planning and coordination, students can complete their four-year degree and begin their graduate degree, finishing both simultaneously.

## Special Requirements

To be admitted to the accounting program at Colorado Mesa University, students must meet certain requirements. Contact the Department of Business for specific requirements. Note that admission to the University does not guarantee admission to the program.

1. Prior to admission, potential accounting majors will be given the classification code for "pre-accounting." To be eligible for admission to the program, a student must have successfully completed the following:
  - a. 30 credit hours (entering freshmen are not eligible) with a 2.75 GPA or higher;
  - b. Freshman English (ENGL 111 and ENGL 112)
  - c. Nine hours of the Essential Learning requirements, excluding the English requirement listed above;
  - d. College Algebra (MATH 113) or higher;
  - e. Business Information Technology (CISB 101);
  - f. Principles of Management (MANG 201);
  - g. Financial and Managerial Accounting (ACCT 201 & ACCT 202) with a minimum 2.5 GPA.
2. An application for admission should be submitted to the Accounting Program Admission Committee when the above requirements have been met. Specific admission information may be obtained from the department. Only students admitted to the Accounting Program will

be allowed to enroll in upper division accounting courses with the exception of Intermediate Accounting I and II and/or Cost Accounting I and II.

3. A grade of "D" in any one of the courses specifically identified above is not acceptable.
4. Exceptions to any of the above requirements may be made by the Admissions Committee in special circumstances.

## Contact Information

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## Bachelors/Minors

- Accounting (Minor) (<http://catalog.coloradomesa.edu/areas-study/accounting/accounting-minor>)
- Bachelor of Science in Accounting + Master of Business Administration (3+2) (<http://catalog.coloradomesa.edu/areas-study/accounting/bs-mba>)
- General Accounting, Accounting (BS) (<http://catalog.coloradomesa.edu/areas-study/accounting/general-accounting-accounting-bs>)
- Public Accounting, Accounting (BS) (<http://catalog.coloradomesa.edu/areas-study/accounting/public-accounting-accounting-bs>)