

Accounting

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Goshen College is a liberal arts college dedicated to the development of informed, articulate, sensitive, responsible Christians.

Why study accounting at Goshen College?

The Goshen College accounting program is designed to prepare you for careers in public accounting, business and industry and the nonprofit sector. Courses are taught by experienced professors who have worked in public accounting firms and other business and professional organizations. Excellent training, combined with a once-in-a-lifetime study abroad opportunity, make Goshen College accounting majors sought after by employers all over the country.

Academic excellence

National recognition: Goshen is nationally recognized by sources such as *U.S. News & World Report*, *Barron's Best Buys in College Education*, *Peterson's Competitive Colleges* and *Top Colleges for Science* and *The 100 Best Colleges for African-American Students*.

Suggested plan of study

Goshen offers a 150-hour, five-year accounting program which combines strong accounting courses with additional coursework in computer information systems, management and business courses. With three different study tracks available, the 150-hour programs are designed to prepare and qualify you to sit for the CPA exam in all states which require 150 hours.

The following is an example of a four-year schedule for you as an accounting major. For more information on this and other majors, view the course catalog online at www.goshen.edu/catalog.

First year

Principles of Accounting: Financial
Principles of Economics
Computer course
Mathematics
Office Software Productivity
General education

Second year

Introduction to Statistics
Principles of Accounting: Managerial
Principles of Economics
Cost Accounting
SST or alternate
General education
Accounting Information Systems

Third year

Intermediate Accounting
Federal Income Tax: Individual
Business Law
Business Career Planning
General education

Fourth year

Balance of accounting major
Management Policy and Social Responsibility
Practicum/Internship
General education

Outcomes

More than two-thirds of Goshen accounting graduates take their first job with a public accounting firm. Of these, about 10 percent have taken jobs with "Big Four" firms, while another 60 percent work for large regional and national firms. A partial compilation of where Goshen College graduates are employed includes:

Goshen Community Bank	Crowe Chizek LLP
Ernst & Young LLP	Chore-Time Brock
Aluminum Trailer Company	Keystone RV
McGladrey & Pullen LLP	Mennonite Mutual Aid
Price Waterhouse Coopers	Karl Lehman & Associates PC
Krugel, Lawton & Company, LLC	

- **On-campus recruitment:** Accounting firms recruit Goshen College students through interviews on campus.
- **Graduate study:** Goshen College accounting students often pursue advanced degrees at some of the country's top graduate schools.

Excellent facilities

As an accounting major you will use computer facilities equipped with up-to-date hardware and software in two computer laboratories. All residence hall rooms have access to the Goshen College network. The business department's state-of-the-art technology center is equipped with Novell, Windows NT, IBM AS/400 servers and Microsoft Office and Oracle database software.

Opportunities to work closely with faculty

You can interact personally with the accounting faculty in classes and research activities.

- The student-faculty ratio is 12:1, giving you the opportunity to work one-on-one with your professors.
- Many faculty members hire student assistants to help grade papers and prepare lessons.
- Goshen College's unique Maple Scholars program challenges you to take your classroom learning to the next level. This summer research program, which is open to students from all majors, allows you to work with a professor to design and conduct your own cutting-edge research project. You would present your findings at Goshen's undergraduate research symposium and may be invited to present at national undergraduate conferences. Read more at www.goshen.edu/academics/maple_scholars.php.

Opportunities to gain experience

- **International experience:** Since commerce is international in scope, it is crucial that you as an accounting major build a broad world view. This is encouraged at Goshen College through an international education requirement which is usually fulfilled by participating in Goshen's unique Study-Service Term. The SST semester helps you develop new understandings of the values, systems and beliefs in another culture. A recruiter from a national accounting firm has observed that Goshen seniors demonstrate more maturity because of their SST experience. You can also choose to fulfill this requirement through a series of classes on campus.
- **Internship opportunities:** As a Goshen accounting student you will complete an internship during your senior year. This practical experience enhances classroom learning in a job-related setting. Goshen's internship program has developed strong participation from local accounting firms, which currently offer more internship opportunities than there are Goshen students to fill them. Many accounting majors have interned for both national and local accounting firms, as well as in the accounting offices of other businesses. In many instances, these internships have developed into permanent positions.
- **Java Junction:** The Goshen College student-run coffee house, located on the first floor of the residence halls, provides a lab experience for you to practice what you've learned in the classroom. You'll be in charge of running the campus coffee house, from hiring barristas to managing catering jobs to balancing the books.
- **Christian values, real-world experience:** Goshen excels in helping you learn the skills sought by today's professionals such as communication, critical thinking and ethics. But you will also use your accounting competence and success in ways that reflect a Christian commitment. Business demands are met through a thorough understanding of the balance sheet and also interpreted with biblical ethics. As you prepare for competency in the field of accounting, you will be challenged to put your faith into action.

Faculty

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Additional resources

Business department Web site: www.goshen.edu/business

Online course catalog: www.goshen.edu/catalog