

What you can do with a degree in

Accounting

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The following is a sample of occupational titles and work settings related to Accounting.

Keep in mind that career options are not dictated solely by choice of major.

Just as there are many careers open to graduates of any major, there are many paths to careers that do not require a specific degree. Use this information as a beginning guide to exploring options.

Sample Job Titles:

- Accountant
- Accounting Clerk
- Actuary
- Auditor
- Bill Collector
- Budget Analyst
- Budget Director
- Bursar
- Business Teacher
- Certified Management Accountant
- Certified Public Accountant
- Chief Financial Officer
- City/County Auditor
- Compensation Manager
- Consultant
- Corporate Bookkeeper
- Corporation President
- Credit Analyst
- Customs Inspector
- Financial/Bank Examiner
- General Accountant
- Industrial Accountant
- Internal/External Auditor
- Loan Counselor
- Loan Officer
- Management Analyst
- Purchasing Agent
- Revenue Agent
- Securities/Commodities Agent
- Special Investigator (FBI)
- State/Federal Auditor
- Systems Accountant
- Systems Analyst
- Tax Preparer
- Tax Specialist
- Treasurer
- Utility Accounts Director
- Bank Officer
- Bookkeeper
- Budget Consultant
- Controller
- Cost Accountant
- Credit Analyst
- Financial Analyst
- Financial Planner
- Internal Auditor
- Internal Revenue Agent
- Investment Banker
- Lending Officer
- Purchasing Agent
- Statistician

Possible Professional Settings:

- Accounting Firms
- Advertising Agencies
- Banks
- Casino
- Construction Companies
- Consulting Firms
- Corporations
- Department of Treasury
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Financial Institutions
- General Accounting Office
- Golf Course Management
- Government
- Health Care Organizations
- Higher Education Institutions
- Hospitals
- Hotels/Motels, Resorts, Clubs
- Internal Revenue Service
- International Companies
- Investment Firms
- Labor Unions
- Libraries & Museums
- Local, State & Federal
- Manufacturers
- Office of Management and Budget
- Professional Associations
- Religious Organizations
- Real Estate Agencies
- Political Parties
- Public School Systems
- Restaurants
- Retail Stores
- Securities Exchange Commission
- Small Businesses
- Social Service Agencies
- Sole Practitioners
- Web-based businesses
- Savings, Commercial, Credit Unions
- City, State, and County Government
- School Districts
- Colleges and Universities
- Health Care Organizations
- Non Profit Organizations
- Internal Revenue Service
- Retail Organizations
- Consulting Firms
- Utility Companies

Resources:

The following lists are samples of resources available for learning more about majors and careers.*

Websites Related to this Field

- Careers in Business: <http://www.careers-in-business.com>
Gives detailed descriptions of specific business careers, salary details, skills and talents needed and trends in the field.
- University of California Berkley: <http://career.berkeley.edu/Business/Business.stm>
Provides links to articles, descriptions of careers, and professional association information on various business careers.
- Vocational Information Center: <http://www.khake.com/page13.html>
Offers a list of different business and finance careers which link you to career descriptions.

Professional Associations: Samples

- American Accounting Association: www.aaahq.org
- The Society of Actuaries (SOA): www.soa.org
- The Association for Financial Professionals (AFP): www.afponline.org

Sample Internship Sites & Volunteer Opportunities

- <https://spu.edu/administration/center-career-calling/prepare/finding-an-internship/internship-locations>

General Career Information

- Occupational Outlook Handbook: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>
- The Occupational Information Network, (O*Net): www.onetonline.org

SPU Resources

- Accounting Department Website: www.spu.edu/depts/sbe
- Major & Career Exploration (GS 2001 - 2 credits, offered every quarter)
- Career Counseling: call 206.281.2485 or stop by the Center for Career and Calling on the second floor of the SUB
- Academic Advising: www.spu.edu/depts/sas
- Academic Catalog: www.spu.edu/academics.aspx

* Websites are current as of August 2020. If any go inactive, please let us know.