Bachelor of Science in Accounting

Approx. program length: 4 years
Credits: 120
Cost per credit: $398
Format: Online & Campus

Turn your knack for numbers into a BS in Accounting

Strong organizations know their long-term health depends on a well-managed balance sheet. If you’re dedicated to detail and interested in helping determine the success and efficiency of a business, a Bachelor of Science in Accounting could be right for you.

In this degree program, you’ll learn about:

- Auditing and taxation
- Application of technology, such as Intuit® QuickBooks®
- Accounting law
- Financial and managerial accounting
- International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)

With our ACBSP-accredited BS in Accounting, you’ll be taking courses aligned with the American Institute of CPAs. And you’ll take just one 5-week course at a time, so you can balance work and life on the path to your degree.

What sets us apart?

Our Bachelor of Science in Accounting program is:

Accredited
Our Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree is evaluated regularly by the ACBSP, ensuring the quality of your education.

Aligned with industry standards
Our School of Business ensures our accounting students are prepared with courses aligned with the American Institute of CPAs and the National Association of state Boards of Accountancy.

Designed to fit your life
Our Bachelor of Science in Accounting can be completed in short, manageable, 5-week courses that fit into your life.
Projected job growth: 10%
According to Bureau of Labor Statistics

Job opportunities

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the job growth for accountants and auditors is projected to be 10 percent between 2016 and 2026. A Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree can help prepare you to be an:

- Accountant
- Accounting manager
- Accounting supervisor
- Auditor
- Examining officer
- Tax examiner

Networking opportunities

Access powerful networking tools through our PhoenixLink™ career services platform. Take advantage of personal career coaching. Search and apply for jobs, or make your résumé visible to employers. And connect with employers and alumni through career fairs and mixers. It’s all about connections. And we help you make them.

Learning outcomes

Along with the knowledge and skills related to the University Learning Goals, students who graduate from the School of Business should gain program-specific knowledge, skills and abilities. Each college or school creates a set of Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs) to describe the knowledge, skills or attitudes students will possess upon completion of the program of study. By the time you complete your Bachelor of Science in Accounting, you should be able to perform these learning outcomes.

Program purpose statement

The Bachelor of Science in Accounting (BSACC) promotes identification with, and orientation to, the accounting profession and is designed to provide knowledge and skills necessary to an accounting career. In addition to the key accounting course work at the introductory and intermediate levels, critical areas of study including auditing and taxation are required in the program. The importance of ethics and international issues are emphasized throughout the curriculum, along with core competencies in technology and communication. The program utilizes specific accounting problem-solving software to provide students with practical knowledge of the accounting field. The program also addresses the goals of professional values, communications and leadership skills, strategic and critical thinking skills, and technology skills of the professional accounting environment and provides additional coverage on the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). Students are also exposed to varied business disciplines including economics, statistics, law, corporate finance, and marketing to provide the general business overview and context necessary for accounting studies. This program is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles, including the accounting processes and knowledge areas that lead to professional certification.

Program accreditation

The BS in Accounting has been reaffirmed for accreditation until 2027 by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP), ensuring the quality of your education.

What does that mean in real life? ACBSP-accredited business programs are committed to quality standards. The quality of the program is continuously benchmarked against specific criteria that prepare students for their industry of choice. Accreditation occurs on a 10-year cycle with regular quality reviews.
View the completion and first-year persistence rates for all ACBSP-accredited business and accounting programs.
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Course length: 5 weeks
Total credits required: 120
Max. number of transfer credits: 90

Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 120 credits to complete this program. These may be earned through a combination of required and elective courses. Required courses may vary based on previous experience, training or transferable credits. View general requirements

Transfer credits

Earn your degree faster. Transfer eligible college credits or apply to have relevant experience evaluated for potential college credit.

Industry review

Our Industry Advisory Council, comprised of experienced business leaders, meets regularly to help ensure our educational programs are up to date and aligned with current and emerging industry trends. This is just one more way a University of Phoenix® Accounting degree can help you develop skills you'll need in the business world.

Core courses

- ETH321: Ethical And Legal Topics In Business
- ACC491: Contemporary Auditing I
- ECO365: Principles Of Microeconomics
- FIN370: Finance For Business
- ACC422: Intermediate Financial Accounting II
- PHL320: Critical Thinking And Decision Making In Business
- ACC290: Principles Of Accounting I
- COM295: Business Communications
- ACC210: Accounting Information Systems
- ACC497: Advanced Topics In Accounting Research
- BIS221: Introduction To Computer Applications And Systems
- ACC466: Advanced Accounting
- ACC455: Corporate Taxation
- ACC460: Government And Non-profit Accounting
- ECO372: Principles Of Macroeconomics
- MGT312: Organizational Behavior For Managers
- ACC291: Principles Of Accounting II
- ACC349: Cost Accounting
- ACC456: Individual/estate Taxation
- BUS475: Integrated Business Topics
- ACC492: Contemporary Auditing II
- QNT275: Statistics For Decision Making
- MKT421: Marketing

While widely available, not all programs are available in all locations or in both online and on-campus formats. Please check with a University Enrollment Representative.