

Accounting

Degrees: Bachelor of Arts in Accounting Bachelor of Arts in Public Accounting

What undergraduate major has been in greatest demand in the last few years? Accounting! The National Association of Colleges and Employers Job Outlook Surveys in 2008 and 2009 ranked an undergraduate accounting major as the top degree in demand.

Accounting is central to any business -- that's why good accountants are always in demand. As an accounting major at Marietta, you'll learn accounting from faculty who are certified public accountants. They'll teach you the technical aspects, and then they take the extra step of teaching you why these aspects are important. You'll also examine current issues in accounting in our Accounting Research course—classes you won't find in many undergraduate programs. Plus, our close ties to universities in China and Brazil give you the opportunity to study and work in a major emerging market for up to a year.

The College offers two degrees with a concentration in accounting. The 150-hour Public Accounting degree equips students for the Uniform CPA examination. The "standard" 120-hour Accounting degree is ideal for students planning graduate work or immediate entry into the accounting profession and where the CPA qualification is not a requirement. The 120-hour Accounting degree qualifies a student to take the Certified Management Accounting (CMA) examination.

Most states have introduced a 150-hour education requirement for sitting for the Uniform Certified Public Accounting (CPA) Examination and subsequent licensing as a CPA. Some states, such as Ohio, require two years' work experience before licensing is possible. There are minor distinctions among states as to specific requirements, but the 150-hour BA degree with a major in Public Accounting should meet the requirements of most states. If you are unsure about the requirements of the state in which you reside, you should contact one of the College's accounting faculty members.

You can complete the 150-hour degree within four years if courses are taken in the summer, but most students finish the program in 4 1/2 years. *Marietta offers an attractive tuition-free grant for the last semester of coursework in the 150-hour degree program.* In order to take advantage of the final semester tuition waiver, a student and her/his academic advisor must submit the tuition waiver form by the end of the student's junior year (defined by the College *Catalog* as 91 credit hours).

Full Time Faculty:

Dr. Mark Bagshaw, Professor
Dr. Gregory Delemeester, McCoy Professor
Dr. James Falter, CFA, CFP ® Associate Professor
Grace Johnson, CMA, CPA, McCoy Professor
Dr. Jacqueline Khorassani, Associate Professor
Debbie Lazorik, Associate Professor
David Mead, CPA, Associate Professor
Dr. Sidney Potash, Professor
Dr. Michael Taylor, McCoy Professor



Sample Courses:

Introduction to Management
Accounting
Introduction to Financial Accounting
Intermediate Accounting I
Intermediate Accounting II
Intermediate Accounting III

Advanced Accounting
Auditing
Cost Accounting
Federal Income Taxation
Principles of Microeconomics
Principles of Macroeconomics
Management Information Systems

http://www.marietta.edu/Academics/undergraduate_degrees/accounting.html

Clubs and Organizations:

Start networking with accounting and business professionals through the Parkersburg chapter of the **West Virginia Society of CPAs**.

Scholarship Opportunities:

The Jules Bourmorck and Julia Bourmorck Staats Memorial Scholarship provides support to a junior or senior majoring in economics, management, or accounting.

The Douglas C. Greene Scholarship is awarded annually to students majoring in the Economics, Management, and Accounting (EMA) Department.

The Economics, Management, and Accounting Department Scholarship recognizes outstanding scholarship in those fields. Recipients are juniors and seniors who have declared majors within the EMA department and whose academic performance meets the department's requirements.

The Bert T. Glaze Scholarship is awarded to a junior or senior EMA major showing pre-professional achievement.

Past Internships:

- The Bureau of Public Debt, Parkersburg, WV
- Bonham Property Management, Los Angeles, CA
- webHanser Corp. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
- Sherwin Williams, Cleveland, OH

What Can I do with this Degree?

- Public Accounting
- Corporate Accounting
- Government/Audit
- Education/Teaching



Famous People who were Accounting Majors:

- Ray Romano, actor "Everybody Loves Raymond, television series
- John Grisham, novelist
- Kenny G, musician
- Walter Diemer, inventor of bubble gum
- Arthur Blank, owner Atlanta Falcon's Football team

Graduate Schools Attended by MC Accounting Alums:

- Ohio State University, MBA
- Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management, MBA
- Washington University, Health Administration

Career Outcomes of MC Accounting Alums:

- Consultant 2, State of Tennessee
- Assistant Controller, Sherman Dixie
- Director of Accounting, Par Mar Oil Company
- Senior Accountant, JP Morgan Chase
- Manager, PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Auditor, State of Ohio Auditor's Office



Sarah Hurt Long, CPA (Class of 1993), Deputy Treasurer for the West Virginia State Treasurer:

"I remember my professors preaching that it is not enough to maintain the status quo and "manage," but to encourage real and meaningful change in an organization. As I grow in my career, I realize the value of risk taking that was discussed so much in class."