The Accounting Major
at the Darla Moore School of Business

Accounting is a good fit for students who:
• Want to understand business as a whole
• Are good at using information, especially numbers, to solve problems
• Seek a profession that is always in high demand

Potential career pathways include:
• Certified Public Accountant
• Auditor
• Tax accountant
• Forensic accountant
• Corporate accountant
• Government and nonprofit accountant

An accounting degree leads to leadership careers in public or private accounting, budget planning, tax accounting, auditing and consulting. Accountants are found in every industry sector and at management and executive levels in almost every company. Many accounting majors go on to graduate school or become certified public accountants.

The Moore School has long been viewed as a primary talent pipeline by major accounting firms including Deloitte, Dixon Hughes Goodman, Elliott Davis Decosimo, Ernst & Young, Grant Thornton, KPMG, PricewaterhouseCoopers and many more. Recent graduates have secured jobs at companies such as Eaton and banks such as Deutsche Bank and TD Bank.

According to a recent USC Career Center survey, the average starting salary for Moore School accounting graduates is $54,143.

The School of Accounting is distinguished from other large accounting programs nationwide by maintaining:
• Regular student-to-instructor interaction for majors in all upper-division accounting courses
• Rigor throughout the curriculum, with an emphasis on both technical and skill-based learning objectives
• Up-to-date and in-depth curriculum; close ties with leading accounting firms, whose managers regularly provide input that keeps our curriculum current with the evolving needs of the profession
• Faculty who are highly engaged with students both in the classroom and beyond

Major Requirements:
Students pursuing an accounting degree must complete 24 hours, including:
• ACCT 401: Financial Accounting I
• ACCT 402: Cost/Managerial Accounting
• ACCT 403: Tax I
• ACCT 404: Accounting Information Systems I
• ACCT 405: Financial Accounting II
• ACCT 406: Auditing I
• Two additional 500-level accounting courses selected from an approved list of electives

Note that these are the 2017-18 major requirements and are subject to change as the school regularly updates its curriculum in response to the evolving needs of the business community.
Accounting Beyond the Classroom

Extracurricular areas to enhance your accounting degree include:

• **Community Service** — Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, Beta Alpha Psi, National Association of Black Accountants, IMA
• **Diversity and Social Advocacy** — Beta Alpha Psi, National Association of Black Accountants, IMA, Diversity and Inclusion Council, Women in Business Council
• **Global Learning** — Some accounting courses (ACCT 506, ACCT 590, IBUS 490) include international components in the curriculum
• **Peer Leadership** — Beta Alpha Psi, National Association of Black Accountants, IMA, Moore School Student Ambassadors
• **Professional Practice** — Beta Alpha Psi, IMA, Global Business Council, Alpha Kappa Psi
• **Research** — Some accounting courses (ACCT 404) include research components in the curriculum

Work in many of these extracurricular areas can contribute to one or more of the paths to Graduation with Leadership Distinction. Find out more at [http://sc.edu/about/initiatives/usc_connect](http://sc.edu/about/initiatives/usc_connect)

Accounting Spotlight: Internship Programs

Accounting majors are encouraged to gain hands-on experience in the field by obtaining paid internships in the summers after their junior and senior years. Students have the opportunity to offer students a valuable opportunity to preview the accounting profession and learn more about a firm where they would like to work.

Students may also obtain a winter internship, which allows them to experience audit and tax season firsthand. The winter internship program, which occurs in the spring semester of the final year, is competitive and facilitated by the Moore School’s Office of Career Management. Students work for a firm for the first half of the spring semester and then return to campus to complete their coursework. Students interested in internships should contact Janice Fergusson at fergusson@moore.sc.edu.

Accelerated Bachelor’s/MACC Program

A flexible curriculum, a close-knit family of students and a faculty that prepares graduates for long-term success make the Moore School’s Master of Accountancy program much more than just a master’s degree. With the accelerated program, you can complete up to 12 hours that are counted toward both undergraduate and graduate degree requirements, allowing you to complete both degrees in a shorter amount of time than the traditional path. As a MACC graduate, you will meet the education requirements for the CPA license and are expected to complete the CPA Exam during the program. Contact macc@moore.sc.edu for more information on the accelerated program, including eligibility requirements.