BACHELOR OF ACCOUNTANCY

The bachelor of accountancy degree program offers both specialized knowledge in accounting and a general education leading to a broad understanding of the business world. The program is designed to prepare students for a professional career in accounting in the public or private sector as well as for graduate study in business, finance, information systems, or law. Students are provided with multiple opportunities to gain practical experience, such as the ability to study the stock market in a classroom resembling a Wall Street trading venue.

Visit the program website (http://business.gwu.edu/undergraduate/baccy) for additional information.

REQUIREMENTS

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IBUS 4401  Managing the Multinational Enterprise

SMPP 4900W  Special Topics (Strategy and International Political Economy)

Electives  
6 credits in non-business courses numbered 1000 to 4999. Courses cannot be in MATH, STAT, ECON, CSCI, LSPA, or any School of Business departmental designation.

9 credits in upper-level non-business courses numbered 2000 to 4999. Courses cannot be in MATH, STAT, ECON, CSCI, LSPA, or any School of Business departmental designation.

3 credits in an unrestricted elective course numbered 1000 to 4999.

12 credits in unrestricted upper-level elective courses numbered 2000 to 4999.

1 Freshmen are required to take BADM 1001 and BADM 1002; transfer students are required to take BADM 1003.

2 Course satisfies the University General Education Requirement (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education) in social science, quantitative reasoning, or written communication.

3 See the University General Education Requirement (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education) page in this Bulletin for a list of approved courses that meet this requirement.

4 Elective courses may include a maximum of one HLWL (Health and Wellness) course.

Note: Students who intend to take the CPA examination should be aware that the coursework required for admission to the examination varies from state to state. Students are advised to consult the Board of Accountancy for the state in which they plan to take the examination and choose courses that meet that state’s requirements.

COURSES

Explanation of Course Numbers

- Courses in the 1000s are primarily introductory undergraduate courses
- Those in the 2000s to 4000s are upper-division undergraduate courses that can also be taken for graduate credit with permission and additional work
- Those in the 6000s and 8000s are for master’s, doctoral, and professional-level students
- The 6000s are open to advanced undergraduate students with approval of the instructor and the dean or advising office

ACCY 2001. Introduction to Financial Accounting. 3 Credits.
Fundamental concepts underlying financial statements and the informed use of accounting information; analysis and recording of business transactions; preparation and understanding of financial statements; measurement of the profitability and financial position of a business. Restricted to sophomores.

ACCY 2002. Introductory Managerial Accounting. 3 Credits.
The use of accounting information to plan and control the activities of a business. Several widely used methods of determining the cost of business activities for use in making business decisions. Prerequisite: ACCY 2001.

ACCY 3101. Intermediate Accounting I. 3 Credits.
Financial accounting concepts underlying the preparation and interpretation of financial statements. Topics include revenue and expense recognition; accounting for receivables, inventories, fixed assets, intangible assets, and liabilities. Prerequisite: ACCY 2001.

ACCY 3102. Intermediate Accounting II. 3 Credits.
Financial accounting concepts underlying the preparation and interpretation of financial statements; accounting for stockholders’ equity, earnings per share, debt and equity investments, income taxes, pensions and other postretirement benefits, accounting changes, statements of cash flows, financial statement analysis, and disclosure. Prerequisites: ACCY 3101 or permission of instructor.

ACCY 3106. Financial Statement Analysis. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the analysis and interpretation of corporate financial statements within the context of a company’s industry and economic environment. Cash flow analysis, profitability and risk analysis, accounting policy analysis, forecasting and performance analysis, elements of equity valuation, and decision perspectives of creditors. Students cannot earn credit for both this course and ACCY 4801. Prerequisite: ACCY 2001.

ACCY 3401. Federal Income Tax: Individuals. 3 Credits.
A study of federal income tax concepts, including what shall be taxed, and when, and at what rate. Taxable entities, income measurement, the use of different tax rates for different types of income, and the use of the tax laws to motivate taxpayer behavior to achieve economic goals.

ACCY 3403. Advanced Tax. 3 Credits.
Taxation of partnerships, corporations, and their owners. Formation, operation, and liquidation of each type of entity. Financial and tax accounting for each type of transaction, with the goal of gaining a better understanding of each system by comparing and contrasting it with the other one. Prerequisites: ACCY 2001 and ACCY 3401.

ACCY 3601. Business Law: Contracts, Torts, and Property. 3 Credits.
Essential legal principles of contracts, torts, and property, including trusts and estates, leases, professional liability, and the Uniform Commercial Code.
ACCY 4107. Advanced Accounting. 3 Credits.
Accounting for corporate combinations, foreign currency
financial statements, and derivative financial instruments.
Governmental and not-for-profit accounting. Prerequisites:
ACCY 3101 and ACCY 3102.

ACCY 4301. Auditing. 3 Credits.
A study of generally accepted auditing standards and accepted
professional auditing practices and procedures, including
reviewing and evaluating financial controls, auditing financial
statements, and testing financial data of manual and automated
accounting systems. Prerequisite: ACCY 3102.

ACCY 4501. Accounting Systems. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the design and operation of accounting systems
and data management controls. Principles and applications
of internal control applicable to manual and automated
accounting systems. Prerequisite: ACCY 3102.

ACCY 4601. Business Law: Enterprise Organization. 3
Credits.
The legal aspects of organizing, financing, and operating
an enterprise: agency, partnerships, corporations, securities
regulation, insurance, secured credit financing, and commercial
paper. Prerequisite: ACCY 2001.

ACCY 4801. Financial Accounting Capstone. 3 Credits.
Synthesis and application of knowledge of financial accounting
to specific contexts, using the perspectives of the preparer and
user of financial statements. Students cannot earn credit for
both this course and ACCY 3106. Restricted to seniors only.

ACCY 4900. Special Topics. 3 Credits.
Experimental offering; new course topics and teaching
methods. Restricted to department approval.

ACCY 4995. Independent Study. 3 Credits.
Assigned topics. Admission by permission of the department
chair.

ACCY 6101. Financial Accounting. 3 Credits.
The basic concepts and methods used in financial reports
for understanding their content and context. The income
statement, balance sheet, and statement of cash flows. Detailed
accounting procedures and choices. How the most important
accounting procedures are calculated and how different
choices impact financial statements. Same as MBAD 6211.

ACCY 6104. Intermediate Accounting I. 3 Credits.
Accounting principles and concepts for financial accounting
and reporting; emphasis on the preparation of general-
purpose financial statements. Restricted to School of Business
graduate degree students. Prerequisite: ACCY 6101 and
MBAD 6211.

ACCY 6105. Intermediate Accounting II. 3 Credits.
Revenue recognition, employee compensation and
pension plans, income tax expense, and earnings per share.
Prerequisites: ACCY 6104.

ACCY 6106. Financial Statement Analysis. 3 Credits.
Analysis and interpretation of financial statements for
managers, stockholders, creditors, and financial analysts; ratio-
driven financial analysis; earnings-based and cash-flow-based
equity valuation; sales and EPS forecasting; preparation of
projected financial statements. Prerequisites: ACCY 6101 and
MBAD 6211.

ACCY 6110. International Reporting and Control. 1.5
Credit.
International comparisons of forces that shape financial
management, such as corporate governance mechanisms, tax
policies, economic development, and privatization. Same as
IBUS 6308.

1.5 Credit.
Financial reporting standards that are used throughout most of
the world other than the United States. Comparisons of these
standards with those of the United States. Prerequisites: ACCY
6101 and MBAD 6211. (Same as IBUS 6310).

ACCY 6201. Cases in Management Accounting I. 1.5 Credit.
Further topics in applying concepts of control and decision
analysis to optimize the financial management of organizations.
Prerequisites: ACCY 6201 and MBAD 6213.

ACCY 6202. Cases in Management Accounting II. 1.5
Credit.
This course looks at the role accounting plays in decision
making and control issues within organizations. Good decisions
require good information: accounting provides information
on budgets, costs, inventory and financial statements. Control
involves aligning the interests of employees with interests of
the shareholders. Performance measures, compensation and
incentive contracts and internal audit constitute important
control mechanisms.

ACCY 6204. Managerial Accounting for Government and
Nonprofits. 1.5 Credit.
Builds on basic understanding of managerial accounting
concepts and examines issues in the government and nonprofit
realm; leveraging core concepts to analyze and report on real
world scenarios. Prerequisite: None.

ACCY 6301. Contemporary Auditing Theory. 3 Credits.
A comprehensive survey of contemporary auditing as practiced
by external auditors (primarily certified public accountants)
and internal auditors (those employed within government and
corporate entities). Generally accepted auditing standards;
government auditing standards. Planning, directing, and
reporting on various audits. Corequisite: ACCY 6104.
Prerequisites: ACCY 6101 or MBAD 6211.
ACCY 6302. Fraud Examination and Forensic Accounting. 3 Credits.
Financial statement fraud, misappropriation of assets, and methods of deterrence, prevention, detection, and investigation. Prerequisites: ACCY 6101 and MBAD 6211. Recommended background: One auditing course.

ACCY 6401. Federal Income Taxation. 3 Credits.
A study of federal income taxation, covering gross income, deductions and credits, sales and other disposition of property, capital gains and losses, and timing of income and deductions.

ACCY 6402. Federal Income Taxation of Partnerships. 3 Credits.
Financial and tax accounting for partnerships; formation and operation, distribution to partners, liquidation, and transfer of partnership interests. S corporations are also considered. Prerequisite: ACCY 6401.

ACCY 6403. Federal Income Taxation of Corporations. 3 Credits.
Federal income taxation of C corporations, covering formation, capital structure, nonliquidating distributions, complete liquidations, corporate accumulations, and the alternative minimum tax.

ACCY 6404. Taxation of Financial Instruments. 3 Credits.
Overview of the economics and taxation of financial instruments; transactions in stock, debt instruments, commodities, options, short sales, wash sales, straddles, futures, foreign currency transactions, swaps, hedging, mark to market tax accounting, and time value of money. An equivalent course may be substituted for prerequisite ACCY 6101. Prerequisites: ACCY 6101 and ACCY 6401.

ACCY 6501. Accounting Information Systems and EDP. 3 Credits.
Development and application of accounting system theory, including analysis, design, control concepts, and implementation. Integration of electronic data processing, accounting systems, and management information systems. Prerequisites: ACCY 6101 and MBAD 6211.

ACCY 6601. Business Law: Contracts, Torts, and Property. 3 Credits.
Essential legal principles of contracts, torts, and property, including trusts and estates, leases, professional liability, and the Uniform Commercial Code.

ACCY 6602. Business Law: Enterprise Organization. 3 Credits.
The legal aspects of organizing, financing, and operating an enterprise: agency, partnerships, corporations, securities regulation, insurance, suretyship, secured credit financing, and commercial paper.

ACCY 6701. Government and Nonprofit Accounting and Auditing. 3 Credits.
The budgeting, accounting, financial reporting, and auditing required of federal, state, and local governments, nonprofit organizations, and colleges and universities. The financial practices and requirements applicable to organizations receiving governmental financial assistance and those subject to governmental audits. Prerequisites: ACCY 6101 and MBAD 6211.

ACCY 6801. Corporate Governance and Ethics. 3 Credits.

ACCY 6900. Special Topics. 1-3 Credits.
Experimental offering; new course topics and teaching methods.

ACCY 6998. Directed Readings and Research. 1-3 Credits.

ACCY 8001. Doctoral Seminar. 1-12 Credits.
Reasoning and research in technical areas of accounting; theoretical issues and their application to practice; conceptual themes in professional literature; comparative accounting research analyses.

ACCY 8009. Dissertation Research. 1-12 Credits.
May be repeated for credit. Restricted to doctoral candidates.

ACCY 8999. Advanced Reading and Research. 1-12 Credits.
May be repeated for credit. Restricted to doctoral candidates preparing for the general examination.