DENVER'S BUSINESS SCHOOL

The future of business education for the Rocky Mountain region is here, at the Business School at the University of Colorado Denver. Located in Denver’s vibrant downtown, the Business School’s programs and curriculum keep pace with the needs of students and businesses in the region and beyond. Flexible class schedules, AACSB accreditation, and a focus on real-world application make the Business School a top choice for business undergraduates. Graduates leave with skills and knowledge that prime them for careers of significance.

ACCOUNTING MAJOR OVERVIEW

The CU Denver Business School’s undergraduate major in Accounting provides students with a focused education to prepare them for a career in accounting. Our classes help students to develop critical-thinking skills along with oral and written communications – all essential for successful accounting careers.

PUT YOUR EDUCATION INTO ACTION

When hiring new college graduates, businesses look for more than a basic knowledge of business. They need people who are ready to seize an opportunity and be productive. The Business School offers the opportunity to excel in these areas through experiential learning. Internships and other real-world experiences provide you additional skills and knowledge outside of the classroom.

All undergraduate students in the Business School are required to fulfill an experiential learning requirement. This requirement may be filled by completing one of the following:

- Internship
- Study abroad
- Service learning course
- Project-based course

ACCOUNTING CAREERS

Accounting courses are offered in several fields of professional accountancy. These courses provide preparation for practice in the following fields:

- Auditing
- Financial Accounting
- Government Accounting
- Accounting Information Systems
- Managerial Accounting
- Oil and Gas Accounting
- Tax Accounting
- Teaching and Research

The US accounting services industry includes about 100,000 firms with combined annual revenue of about $120 billion. (source, Hoovers)

The Accounting Program at CU Denver is one of only three accounting programs in Colorado separately accredited by AACSB.
The Accounting Major provides you with the opportunity to enhance your analytical ability and communications skills relative to the accounting industry.

**ACCOUNTING MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

**Required Major Courses**
- ACCT 3220 - Intermediate Financial Accounting I
- ACCT 3230 - Intermediate Financial Accounting II
- ACCT 3320 - Intermediate Cost Accounting
- ACCT 4054 - Accounting Systems and Data Processing
- ACCT 4410 - Income Tax Accounting
- ACCT 4620 - Auditing

**Elective Major Course**
- Another upper division ACCT course

**ACCOUNTING MAJOR WITH AN INFORMATION SYSTEMS SPECIALIZATION REQUIREMENTS**

**Required Major Courses**
- ACCT 3220 - Intermediate Financial Accounting I
- ACCT 3230 - Intermediate Financial Accounting II
- ACCT 4054 - Accounting Systems and Data Processing
- ACCT 4410 - Income Tax Accounting
- ACCT 4620 - Auditing
- ACCT/ISMG 4780 - Accounting and Information Systems Processes and Controls

**Elective Major Courses**
- Two upper division ISMG courses

**JOB PROSPECTS**

A major in Accounting provides the foundation for beginning a career as a professional accountant—including auditing, tax preparation and consulting, financial statement preparation and consulting, and a lengthy list of accounting-specific occupations in most businesses, non-profits, and government (e.g., fixed-assets accounting, payroll, accounts payable, purchasing, etc.) Graduates accept employment in public accounting, government, and in every imaginable industry.

**BECOMING A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT (CPA)**

Until July 1, 2015, the state of Colorado will continue to license CPAs who have bachelor’s degrees and who meet the required education and experience requirements. New education and experience requirements take effect beginning July 1, 2015. These new requirements include 150-semester hours of higher education, including specific accounting and business courses, plus specific work experience. Information about CPA licensing is available on the Accounting Program page on the Business School’s website (business.ucdenver.edu).

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Business School offers a variety of scholarship opportunities to help you finance your degree. Some scholarships are based on need, and other on academic accomplishment. Visit www.business.ucdenver.edu/scholarship to find out more and apply.

The Business School at CU Denver has earned accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International). This elite distinction is only granted to the top business programs in the world that meet rigorous standards for curriculum, faculty, library, and computer resources.