



# ACCOUNTING

The Leavey School of Business is an eminent provider of accounting professionals and leaders in Silicon Valley.

Accounting is a critical business function, using data to guide corporate decisions, as well as ensuring an organization's health and future growth. At a macro level, high-quality accounting facilitates efficient and functional capital markets, and promotes stewardship over public and private resources. Santa Clara University offers the only AACSB-accredited accounting program in Northern California, and its accounting graduates are among the best in the profession, leading international and regional firms, delivering key professional advice and strategies for businesses, and providing crucial skills in government and non-profit sectors. Our undergraduate program offers two majors: Accounting and Accounting & Information Systems (A&IS), the latter of which is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) designated. Students in both majors are eligible for merit-based accounting scholarships in their sophomore and junior years. Though most of our Accounting/A&IS majors begin their professional careers with a public accounting firm, many use the training and experience developed in their initial positions to advance rapidly in many other areas of business. Accounting also proves an excellent foundation for professional post-graduate education, such as law school.

## INTERNSHIPS, EXTERNSHIPS, AND CAREER PREP

Demand for accounting professionals is strong and many firms begin recruiting our Accounting/A&IS majors at an early stage. Most of our majors participate in summer internship programs or diversity-based internship programs sponsored by CPA firms, while others join internship programs hosted by consultancies like Accenture, or Silicon Valley companies like Apple. While some firms begin offering diversity-based internships in a student's first year, most of our majors apply for leadership programs and internships early in their sophomore year. By the end of the summer following their junior year, the large majority of our majors have accepted

full-time positions at CPA or other firms that begin after graduation. Virtually all of our accounting majors secure full-time positions by graduation.

## CPA DESIGNATION

Upon graduation, SCU Accounting/A&IS majors meet the education requirements required for an individual to take the CPA (Certified Public Accountant) exam. Additionally, the State of California allows students to begin taking CPA Exam sections up to 180 days before their graduation date, allowing students to complete some or even all exam sections before commencing their professional career. Individuals who achieve the CPA designation are highly sought after in the business community. The depth of knowledge, skills, and ethical standards needed to become a CPA are higher than most other credentials, and CPAs are considered to be among the most trusted advisors in business.

## ACCOUNTING FACULTY

Our Accounting faculty include both research scholars and experienced professionals. Our academic faculty publish well-cited research in leading accounting, finance, and management journals. Our faculty have received recognition with distinguished awards and research grants, as well as "Best Paper" and other prizes at international conferences. Most of our research scholars also have prior professional accounting experience. In addition, the experienced professionals in our faculty include distinguished accounting and finance experts who have previously held leadership roles in their organizations, holding such titles as CFO, Controller, and Director of Taxation, or are current or former partners of accounting firms. These professional instructors draw on their decades of experience and leadership to bring a practitioner's perspective to the classroom. This strong combination of both academically- and professionally-qualified faculty delivers a wide breadth of valuable experiences and guidance to our majors.

## Requirements for the Accounting Major\*

<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 120	Accounting Data Analysis and Visualization
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 130	Intermediate Financial Accounting I
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 131	Intermediate Financial Accounting II
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 132	Advanced Financial Accounting
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 134	Accounting Information Systems**
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 135	Auditing
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 136	Cost Accounting
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 138	Tax Planning and Business Decisions

## Requirements for the Accounting & Information Systems Major\*

<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 120	Accounting Data Analysis and Visualization
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 130	Intermediate Financial Accounting I
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 131	Intermediate Financial Accounting II
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 132	Advanced Financial Accounting
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 135	Auditing
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 136	Cost Accounting
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 138	Tax Planning and Business Decisions
<input type="checkbox"/>	OMIS 30	Introduction to Programming***
<input type="checkbox"/>	OMIS 105	Database Management Systems
<input type="checkbox"/>	OMIS 106	Systems Analysis and Design
<input type="checkbox"/>	OMIS 150 or ACTG 155	Financial Information Systems****
<input type="checkbox"/>	One course from:	OMIS 107, 111, 113, 114, 120, 121, 135, 137

\*In addition to University Core Curriculum and Leavey School of Business requirements for B.S. degree in Commerce.

\*\* Accounting majors may use ACTG 134 to satisfy the information systems requirement in the Leavey School of Business curriculum.

\*\*\* A&IS majors may use OMIS 30 to satisfy the information systems requirement in the Leavey School of Business curriculum.

\*\*\*\*OMIS 150 is cross-listed with ACTG 155. A&IS majors can register for ACTG 155 instead of OMIS 150 to fulfill major requirements to CPA licensing.



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