

Accounting Emphasis Guide

Career Guide

EXPLORE

The accounting area of emphasis prepares students for careers in accounting, general and financial management, financial analysis, taxation, auditing, and accounting information systems.

There are typically two initial placement options upon graduation, beginning your career in corporate accounting, or earning your Certified Public Accountants (CPA) certification for public accounting.

The CPA requires extra coursework to get to 150 credits – students have the option to go for a 5th year Masters Program.

Industry Overview

Public Accounting Paths:

Audit/Assurance

Audit for Financial Statements

Tax

Tax Strategy, Planning, and Tax Compliance

Advisory

Specialized Services

Corporate Accounting Paths:

Staff Accounting

Non-Profit

CFO, Financial

Reporting

Financial Analysis

Internal Audit

Tax Department

Treasury

Government Paths:

U.S., IRS, State, Local Governments,
Government Accounting Office (GAO)

Additional Tips

Organizations to Join

- Beta Alpha Psi
- Delta Sigma Pi
- Alpha Kappa Psi

Events & Networking

- Attend Meet the Firms in early fall and spring terms.
- Attend Meet & Greet / Office Hours with employers

Course Electives

Employers Notice

- Accounting Information Systems
- Critical Leadership Skills
- Excel Courses

Recruiting Timeline

Schedule a meeting with your career coach to talk further about internship and job search timelines.

4 YEARS LEFT

UNTIL GRADUATION:

Public/Corporate Accounting

Apply in Fall/Spring for any accounting, finance or business-related summer internships

3 YEARS LEFT

UNTIL GRADUATION:

Public Accounting

Apply in August for general accounting or busy season (winter) or summer internships

Corporate Accounting

Apply in Fall/Spring for industry internships for summer between junior and senior year

2 YEARS LEFT

UNTIL GRADUATION:

Public Accounting

Apply in Spring for 1-day Summer Recruiting Opportunities (SLP)

Corporate Accounting

Apply in Fall/Spring for any accounting, finance or business-related summer internships

1 YEAR LEFT

UNTIL GRADUATION:

Public Accounting

Apply in August for public accounting and industry full-time positions

Corporate Accounting

Apply for full-time positions in Fall/Spring



Resources

Resume and Cover Letter Templates at leeds.ly/CareerRoundup
Make an appointment with your Industry Coach today at leeds.ly/careeradv
Stay up to date on jobs and events at leeds.ly/Handshake

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Academic Guide

REQUIRED COURSES

ACCT 3220: Corporate Financial Reporting I
ACCT 3230: Corporate Financial Reporting II
ACCT 3320: Cost Management
ACCT 3440: Income Taxation

Choose at least ONE Elective:

ACCT 4/5240: Advanced Financial Accounting
ACCT 4/5620: Auditing
ACCT 4/5250: Financial Statement Analysis
ACCT 4/5540: Accounting Information Systems
ACCT 4828: ESG Reporting

Required Senior Capstone

ACCT 4850/6350: Senior Seminar in Accounting

Only students who have been accepted into the BAM program may take 5000 and 6000 level courses.

Quick Reminders

- ▶ Students must complete all **BCOR** and **BASE** classes to enroll in any Area of Emphasis classes.
- ▶ The Accounting Area of Emphasis takes **3 semesters** to complete after all core curriculum, for a total of **18 credit hours**.
- ▶ Completing this Area of Emphasis alone does not qualify students for the **CPA exam**.
- ▶ If you are planning to pursue the Accounting Masters Program, BAM, attend an **info session**.
- ▶ All courses are **3 credit hours** unless otherwise noted.

Bachelor's Accelerated Program in Accounting (BAM) 4+1 Program



The bachelor's accelerated master's degree program in Accounting and Taxation allows students to complete the bachelor's and master's degrees in **five years**. This program is designed as a **4+1 program** for current Leeds undergraduate students pursuing the accounting emphasis. For admission details, please visit the Leeds website.

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