

# Accounting Emphasis Guide

## Career Guide

### EXPLORE

The accounting area of emphasis is designed to prepare 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 typically 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

#### Government Paths:

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

### Additional Tips

#### Organizations to Join

- Beta Alpha Psi
- National Association of Black Accountants
- The Association for Latino Professionals in America

#### Events & Networking

- Attend *Meet the Firms* in early September
- Attend Meet & Greet/Office Hours with employers

#### Course Electives Employers Notice

- ACCT 4250 Accounting Information Systems
- ORGN 3030 Critical Leadership Skills
- Excel Courses

## Recruiting Timeline

Schedule a meeting with your industry 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

**Top Employers:** KPMG, EY, Deloitte, Moss Adams, Goldman Sachs, PWC

## Resources

Resume and Cover Letter Templates and Examples on [leeds.ly/CareerRoundup](https://leeds.ly/CareerRoundup)

Make an appointment with your Industry Coach today at [leeds.ly/careeradvis](https://leeds.ly/careeradvis)

Stay up to date on jobs and events at [leeds.ly/Handshake](https://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

#### 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. The Concurrent BS/MSBA Accounting program has been phased out effective Fall 2019.

Learn more: [leeds.ly/bam](https://leeds.ly/bam)

**Book an appointment with an advisor today!**

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