Accounting Emphasis Guide
Career Guide

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 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

**Government Paths:**
- U.S., IRS, State, Local Governments, Government Accounting Office (GAO)

- Financial Analysis
- Internal Audit
- Tax Department
- Treasury

### Recruiting Timeline

**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

### Additional Tips

**Organizations to Join**
- Beta Alpha Psi
- Delta Sigma Pi
- Alpha Kappa Psi

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

**Course Electives**

- Accounting Information Systems
- Critical Leadership Skills
- Excel Courses

### Resources

Resume and Cover Letter Templates at [leeds.ly/CareerRoundup](leeds.ly/CareerRoundup)

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

Stay up to date on jobs and events at [leeds.ly/Handshake](leeds.ly/Handshake)
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. **Learn more:** leeds.ly/bam

**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.

**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.*