

# BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION > PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY

Wayne State is a great place to begin your career in accounting. The Professional Accountancy program helps you build a strong foundation while learning skills that connect to today's fast-moving business world. In this program, you'll do more than just work with numbers - you'll learn how to use tools like data analytics and accounting software to understand real financial situations. You'll explore current topics like data security, changing tax laws, ethical decision-making, and how automation and AI are shaping the future of accounting. You'll get hands-on experience analyzing data, spotting potential risks, and developing ideas to help organizations succeed. Wayne State graduates go on to work in businesses, public accounting firms, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations, using what they've learned to solve problems and make important financial decisions. While this program does not provide all of the educational requirements necessary to become licensed as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), it is an effective pre-licensure program for those who decide to pursue this certification after completing their undergraduate degree.

## fast facts

**Credit hours:** 69

*Students must also take 30 credit hours of General Studies courses. A total of 120 credit hours are needed to graduate from WSC. Additional majors or minors can be added to help meet graduation requirements.*

**Degree options:** B.A. or B.S.

**Department:** Business and Economics

**School:** Business and Technology

**Popular pairings:** Finance, Management, Management Information Systems

**Accreditation:** International Accreditation Council for Business Education (IACBE)

## focus on results

### Skills Learned

- Familiarity with audits and assurance services
- Internal control, evaluation, and handling deficiencies
- Understanding and generating financial reports
- Financial analysis, budgeting, and forecasting
- Fundamentals required to prepare tax returns
- Tax research and planning methods
- Fraud examination
- Accounting analytics techniques
- Understanding/generating financial reports for government or nonprofits

### Possible Careers

- CPA
- Tax preparer and consultant
- Accounting systems specialist
- Chief financial officer
- Financial advisor
- Auditor
- Forensic accountant
- Fraud investigator
- Budget analyst
- Internal auditor
- Controller

### Types of Employers

- CPA firms
- Businesses and corporations
- Government
- Non-profit organizations
- Educational institutions
- Software and tech companies
- Hospitals and medical clinics
- Manufacturing companies
- Law firms
- Banks and financial institutions

## outside the classroom



Visit [www.wsc.edu/clubs](http://www.wsc.edu/clubs) to learn more about clubs and organizations on campus.

### Activities / Opportunities

- Career Scholars Program
- Peer tutoring and mentoring
- Service-Learning

### Clubs / Organizations

- Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization (CEO) (*open to Career Scholars*)
- FBLA Collegiate
- Sigma Beta Delta

# Courses and outcomes

2026-27 Academic Year

The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

## Program courses

Take ECO 203 Principles of Microeconomics for CAT 8. Take ECO 202 Principles of Macroeconomics for CAT 10.

### Business Administration Foundation Courses

BUS 208 Business Communications .....	3
BUS 222 Business Law I .....	3
BUS 226 Business Statistics .....	3
BUS 240 Accounting I .....	3
BUS 241 Accounting II .....	3
ECO 202 Principles of Macroeconomics.....	3
ECO 203 Principles of Microeconomics .....	3

### Business Administration Core Courses

BUS 260 Management Theory and Practice.....	3
BUS 262 International Business.....	3
BUS 270 Principles of Marketing.....	3
BUS 322 Managerial Finance.....	3
BUS 352 Operations and Supply Chain Management .....	3
BUS 408 Business Ethics .....	3
BUS 418 Legal Environment of Business.....	3
BUS 420 Strategic Management.....	3

### Professional Accountancy Concentration Courses

BUS 340 Internal Financial Reporting.....	3
BUS 342 Accounting Information Systems.....	3
BUS 347 Intermediate Accounting I.....	3
BUS 348 Intermediate Accounting II.....	3
BUS 440 Assurance Services.....	3
BUS 445 Federal Tax Accounting I.....	3
BUS 446 Federal Tax Accounting II .....	3
BUS 447 Advanced Accounting and Analysis.....	3

## Student learning outcomes

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the core areas of business, which includes accounting, economics, management, quantitative business, finance, marketing, legal environment, information systems, and international
2. Demonstrate effective skills in written and oral communication in business settings
3. Work effectively in a team environment
4. Apply ethical frameworks to formulate management decision alternatives

## business and economics faculty



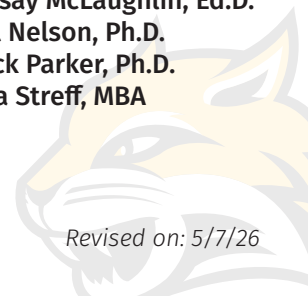
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