Program Description

The School of Accountancy's undergraduate BS program in accountancy offers two tracks during the senior year. The accounting track is followed by most students and is designed to provide a rich educational experience. The accounting master's internship is the track designed for the most highly qualified students who wish to commit to the MAcc or MTax program during the second semester of the junior year.

The internship provides a particularly rich and individualized educational experience during the senior year. It includes a number of distinct advantages for students: a full-time paid internship for credit with a participating accountancy firm, early consideration for scholarships, and possible eligibility for a GMAT waiver and a graduate application fee waiver for the MAcc or MTax program (eligibility is determined by the GPA at the time of application).

At a Glance

- **College/School:** W. P. Carey School of Business
- **Location:** Tempe campus, West campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 210 - Brief Calculus
- **Math Intensity:** Moderate

Required Courses (Major Map)

2018 - 2019 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Accelerated Degrees
This program allows students to choose either a 2.5- or a 3-year path while participating in the same high-quality educational experience of a 4-year option. Students can opt to fast-track their studies after acceptance into a participating program by connecting with their academic advisor. Fast track options appear at the top of the major map.

This program also allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

Taxation, MTax

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students will be advised by their academic departments to apply.

**Admission Requirements**

**General University Admission Requirements:**

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.  
[Freshman](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

**Additional Requirements:**

Freshmen admission requirements: 1160 (prior to March 2016) or 1230 SAT Reasoning (after March 2016) OR 25 ACT score, OR graduated in the top eight percent of high school class, OR an overall high school GPA of 3.60 in ASU competency courses (scale is 4.00 = "A").

Freshmen should select an additional major when applying for admission. Additional choices may include any of the W. P. Carey business BA programs or any other degree program outside W. P. Carey School of Business. Students who are not admissible to a W. P. Carey business BS major and who did not select a second major or are not admissible to their second major choice will be placed in a business BA program in W. P. Carey School of Business.

Readmission requirements: Students must meet freshman admission requirements by way of high school GPA, test score or class rank and must have a 3.00 transfer GPA (if applicable) and a cumulative ASU GPA of 3.00.

**Transfer Admission Requirements**

Transfer admission requirements (30 or more semester hours of credit after high school): 3.00 transfer GPA and one of the following: 1160 (prior to March 2016) or 1230 SAT Reasoning (after March 2016) OR 25 ACT score OR the student must have graduated in the top eight percent of their high school class.
Transfer students should select an additional major when applying for admission. Additional choices may include any of the W. P. Carey business BA programs or any other business or other degree program outside W. P. Carey School of Business.

Students with fewer than 45 transfer hours who are not admissible to a W. P. Carey School of Business major and who did not select a second major or are not admissible to their second major choice are placed in the exploratory social and behavioral sciences program in the College of Integrative Sciences and Arts.

Students with more than 45 transfer hours who are not admissible to a W. P. Carey School of Business major and who did not select a second major or are not admissible to their second major choice are prompted in My ASU to select a new major.

Change of Major Requirements

Students should visit the following W. P. Carey website to determine if they meet change of major requirements: https://students.wpcarey.asu.edu/degrees-and-advising/degree-programs/change-majors. Students ready to change their major should submit their request through W. P. Carey's Advising SOS website: https://apps.wpcarey.asu.edu/apps/advising/index.cfm.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping you thrive by offering tools that allow you to personalize your transfer path to ASU. Students may use the Transfer Map search to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools, and resources and help students save time and money in their college journey. Learn more about these programs by visiting the Admissions site.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st century
Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. [https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/)

The W.P. Carey School of Business recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in accountancy: [http://links.asu.edu/SAO.accountancy](http://links.asu.edu/SAO.accountancy).

## Career Opportunities

The major in accountancy includes the essential academic preparation for students who are:

- planning to pursue a graduate degree or attend law school
- pursuing professional careers in public, corporate and governmental accounting
- seeking positions in consulting or are planning to operate a business
- seeking positions in personal financial planning and portfolio analysis

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook (2010-2011) states, "Employment of accountants and auditors is expected to grow by 22 percent between 2008 and 2018, which is much faster than the average for all occupations. Job opportunities should be favorable; accountants and auditors who have a professional certification, especially CPAs, should have the best prospects."

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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<th>Career</th>
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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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