What Can I Do With a Major in…?

Accounting

**OVERVIEW**

The American Accounting Association defines accounting as "the process of identifying, measuring and communicating economic information to permit informed judgments and decisions by users of the information."

Accountants and auditors help to ensure that the Nation’s firms are run efficiently, its public records kept accurately, and its taxes paid properly and on time. They perform these vital functions by offering an increasingly wide array of business and accounting services, including public, management, and government accounting, as well as internal auditing, to their clients. Beyond carrying out the fundamental tasks of the occupation—preparing, analyzing, and verifying financial documents in order to provide information to clients—many accountants now are required to possess a wide range of knowledge and skills. Accountants and auditors are broadening the services they offer to include budget analysis, financial and investment planning, information technology consulting, and limited legal services.

Specific job duties vary widely among the four major fields of accounting: public, management, government accounting and internal auditing.

**RELATED CAREERS**

- Actuary
- Accountant, Public Practice
- Accounting Clerk
- Administrative Services Mgr
- Assistant Controller
- Audit Manager
- Auditor
- Bank Examiner
- Benefits/Compensation General Auditor
- Bookkeeper
- Budget Accountant
- Budgetary Control Analyst
- Business Teacher
- Certified Public Accountant
- Chief Cost Accountant
- Chief Financial Officer
- CIA Agent
- Claim Adjuster/Examiner
- Collection Agent
- Consumer Credit Officer
- Controller Methods/Procedures Specialist
- Commercial Banker
- Commodities Trader
- Computer Programmer
- Cost Accountant
- Cost Dept. Supervisor
- Credit and Collection
- Credit Analyst
- Credit Counselor
- Customs Inspector
- EDP Auditor
- Employment Agency Counselor
- Entrepreneur
- Estate Planner
- External Auditor
- FBI Agent
- Financial Aid Director
- Financial Analyst
- Financial Investment Analyst
- Fund Raiser Administrator
- Governmental Accountant
- Industrial Accountant
- Industrial/Institutional Buyer
- Industrial Transportation
- Internal Auditor
- International Trade Specialist
- IRM Consultant
- IRS Investigator
- Production Manager
- Management Consultant
- Managerial Accountant
- Office Manager
- Insurance Agent/Broker
- Inventory Control Specialist
- Loan Administrator
- Loan/Consumer Credit
- Management Accountant Contract Administrator
- Payroll Manager
- Personal Financial Planner
- Plant Accountant
- Professor
- Property Accountant
- Purchasing Agent
- Revenue Agent
- Sales Manager
- Securities Broker
- Stockbroker
- Student Affairs Manager
- Systems Accountant
- Systems Analyst
- Tax Accountant
- Tax Compliance Specialist
- Television/Film Producer
- Tax Lawyer
- Tax Specialist
- Tax Supervisor/Auditor Lawyer
- Treasurer
- Treasury Mgmt Specialist
- Trust Accountant
- Underwriter
## Major Skills

- Problem Solver
- Organizational Skills
- Numerical Computation
- Analyze/Interpret Data
- Critical Thinking
- Oral and Written Communication
- Computer Literacy
- Systematizing Skills
- Managerial Skills
- Efficient
- Work Independently or in Teams
- Logical Thinking

## RELATED WEB SITES

### Job Listings:

**TU Job Postings** [http://myinterfase.com/trinity/student](http://myinterfase.com/trinity/student)

**MonsterTRAK** [http://www.monstertrak.com](http://www.monstertrak.com)

**CPAdirectory.com** - Post resume for free for positions in accounting offices; tools for CPA's; articles, & more [www.cpadirectory.com](http://www.cpadirectory.com)

**Professional Finance Job Search & Career Information** [http://www.jobsinthemoney.com](http://www.jobsinthemoney.com)


**Financial Job Network** [www.financialjobnet.com](http://www.financialjobnet.com)


**Federal Reserve Bank** - DC, MD, NC, SC, VA & WV [www.rich.frb.org](http://www.rich.frb.org/)


**Financial Managers** [http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos010.htm](http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos010.htm)

### Professional Organizations:

**American Institute of Certified Public Accountants** [www.aicpa.org](http://www.aicpa.org)

**Association of Government Accountants** [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org)

**American Accounting Association** [http://aaahq.org/index.cfm](http://aaahq.org/index.cfm)