

ACCOUNTING

Santa Clara University is an eminent provider of accounting professionals and leaders in the Silicon Valley.

Accounting is a critical business function, using data to guide corporate decisions as well as to ensuring the organization's health and future growth. Santa Clara University accounting graduates are some of the best in the profession, leading international and regional firms, delivering key professional advice and strategies for businesses, and providing crucial skills in government and non-profit sectors. Our undergraduate program offers two majors: Accounting and Accounting & Information Systems (A&IS). Effective September 2023, the A&IS major will receive the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) designation. Students in both majors are eligible for merit-based accounting scholarships in their sophomore and junior years. These scholarships are generously funded by donations from CPA firms and our alums. Though most of our Accounting/A&IS majors begin their professional careers in the accounting profession, many use the training and experience they glean from their initial positions to advance rapidly in many other areas of business.

INTERNSHIPS, EXTERNSHIPS, AND CAREER PREP

Demand for accounting professionals is strong and many firms begin recruiting our Accounting/A&IS majors in their first and sophomore years. Most of our majors participate in summer internship programs or diversity based internship programs sponsored by CPA firms, while others join internship programs hosted by consultancies like Accenture or Silicon Valley companies like Apple. While some firms begin offering diversity-based internships in a student's first year, most of our majors apply for leadership programs and internships during the second quarter of their sophomore year. By the end of the summer following their junior year, more than two-thirds of our majors have accepted full-time positions at CPA firms that will begin after graduation. Students who elect to bypass the internship process are also recruited by both CPA firms and Silicon Valley companies.

CPA DESIGNATION

Upon graduation, SCU Accounting/A&IS majors meet the education requirements that are required for an individual to take the CPA (Certified Public Accountant) exam. Individuals who achieve the CPA designation are highly sought after in the business community. The depth of knowledge, skills, and ethical standards needed to become a CPA are higher than most other credentials, and CPAs are usually considered to be among the most trusted advisors in business.

ACCOUNTING FACULTY

Our Accounting faculty include both research scholars and experienced professionals. Our research-active faculty publish their research in leading accounting, finance, and management journals such as The Accounting Review, Journal of Accounting and Economics, Journal of Accounting Research, Contemporary Accounting Research, Review of Accounting Studies, Journal of Financial Economics, and Management Science. Our faculty have received recognition with distinguished awards and research grants as well as "Best Paper" prizes at international conferences as judged by their fellow academics. Most of our research scholars also have professional accounting experience. In addition, the experienced professionals in our faculty include distinguished accounting and finance experts who previously held leadership roles in their companies. This strong combination of both academically- and professionally-qualified faculty delivers a wide-breadth of valuable experiences and guidance to our majors.





Requirements for the Accounting Major*

<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 120	Accounting Data Analysis and Visualization
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 130	Intermediate Financial Accounting I
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 131	Intermediate Financial Accounting II
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 132	Advanced Financial Accounting
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 134	Accounting Information Systems**
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 135	Auditing
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 136	Cost Accounting
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 138	Tax Planning and Business Decisions

Requirements for the Accounting & Information Systems Major*

<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 120	Accounting Data Analysis and Visualization
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 130	Intermediate Financial Accounting I
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 131	Intermediate Financial Accounting II
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 132	Advanced Financial Accounting
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 135	Auditing
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 136	Cost Accounting
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACTG 138	Tax Planning and Business Decisions
<input type="checkbox"/>	OMIS 30	Introduction to Programming***
<input type="checkbox"/>	OMIS 105	Database Management Systems
<input type="checkbox"/>	OMIS 106	Systems Analysis and Design
<input type="checkbox"/>	OMIS 150 or ACTG 155	Financial Information Systems****
<input type="checkbox"/>	One course from:	OMIS 107, 111, 113, 114, 120, 135, 137

*In addition to University Core Curriculum and Leavey School of Business requirements for B.S. degree in Commerce.

** Accounting majors may use ACTG 134 to satisfy the information systems requirement in the Leavey School of Business curriculum.

*** A&IS majors may use OMIS 30 to satisfy the information systems requirement in the Leavey School of Business curriculum.

****OMIS 150 is cross-listed with ACTG 155. A&IS majors can register for ACTG 155 instead of OMIS 150 to fulfill major requirements to CPA licensing.

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