

School of Accounting

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Purpose

Our mission as a School of Accounting in an internationally-focused public research university is to:

- Foster an environment of intellectual curiosity, diversity of thought, and integrity;
- Provide a diverse student body with excellence in accounting education in order to succeed as business professionals and leaders as well as valued members of society;
- Prepare students for advancement in the accounting profession through specialized masters programs that strengthen professional competencies;
- Serve the academic community through scholarly research, colloquia, and the training of future accounting educators;
- Promote opportunities for professional development, lifelong learning and networking for our alumni and accounting professionals in the local, national and global community.

Bachelor of Accounting (BACC)

The objective of the BACC program is to prepare students for positions in public, private sector, corporate, and governmental accounting. To qualify for positions in public accounting, students must take the CPA examination, which, in Florida, requires an additional 30 credit-hours beyond the BACC degree.

The Bachelor of Accounting program also prepares students to pursue advanced degrees in accounting, business, or law.

Degree Program Requirements (120 credits)

Lower-Division/Business Pre-Core	60 credits
Upper-Division/Business Core	27 credits
Free Electives	12 credits
Accounting Core	15 credits
Accounting Electives	6 credits

Lower Division/Business Pre-Core (60 credits)

The "General Information" section in this catalog describes the lower and business pre-core division requirements.

Admissions Requirements

Students must pass an entrance examination before being admitted to the School of Accounting. Students may take the entrance examination no more than two times.

Upper Division/Business Core (27 credits)

The College's Business Core Requirements are listed in the first section of this "College of Business" chapter.

Free Electives (12 credits)

Accounting majors may take any coursework to satisfy their Elective requirement.

Accounting Core Requirements (15 credits)

ACG 4101	Financial Accounting I
ACG 4111	Financial Accounting II
ACG 4341	Management Accounting
TAX 4001	Income Tax Accounting
ACG 4651	Auditing

Accounting Electives (6 credits) may include

TAX 4011	Taxation of Corporations and Partnerships
ACG 4501	Governmental and Institutional Accounting

All accounting courses must be taken at Florida International University. Courses from other universities are not transferable unless approved in advance by the Director of the School of Accounting.

Academic Standards and Policies

1. Students may not take accounting and/or tax courses and are not considered admitted into the School of Accounting until they have successfully completed the entrance exam.
 - a. In order to register for the entrance exam, students must have an overall GPA of 3.00.
 - b. Students may take the entrance exam no more than two times.
 - c. Students who fail to pass the exam after two attempts will be required to seek another major outside the School of Accounting.
 - d. A passing entry exam score is valid for one year.
 - e. Students who cannot pass ACG 4101 with a 'C' or better within one year must retake the exam, if they have not already taken it twice.
2. To enroll in ACG 4101, students must meet the requirements of the COB and must have earned an overall GPA of 3.0.

3. Students must earn a grade of 'C' or higher in all accounting major courses, including accounting, business law, and tax courses.
4. No student may register for upper-level accounting or tax courses after receiving five (5) grades of "C-", "D+", "D", "D-", "DR", or "F" in upper-level accounting major courses including accounting, business law, and tax courses.
5. Students who do not maintain an overall GPA of 2.5 will be removed from the Accounting program.
6. Students not achieving a grade of 'C' or higher in two enrollments in any course will be dropped automatically from the Accounting program. Drops after the add/drop period which result in a DR grade are considered an attempt in the course and count as an unsuccessful enrollment.
7. Once students have been removed from the Accounting program, they will not be readmitted to the School of Accounting.
8. Students who wish to take more than two accounting and tax courses in one semester must file a formal request to do so with the School of Accounting.
9. Prerequisites for all accounting and tax courses are strictly enforced. Students who have not met the prerequisites for a course may be administratively withdrawn from the course at any time during the semester that such deficiency is determined to exist.
10. Students taking accounting and tax courses are expected to seek counsel from an academic advisor before registering.
11. Students who work more than 20 hours per week are urged to discuss the composition of their schedule and number of courses they should take with an academic advisor before registering.
12. FIU email is the primary mechanism for corresponding with students outside of the classroom.
13. School of Accounting policy does not permit overrides into closed classes. Accounting and tax professors are not authorized to assist students with registration issues.