Accountancy, BS

Program Description

The W. P. Carey School of Accountancy works closely with its Professional Advisory Board to create a learning environment that emulates the real world by exploring applied processes and strategies. The BS program in accountancy prepares students by equipping them with critical thinking, team-building, communication and information technology skills along with accounting theories and procedures.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [W. P. Carey School of Business](#)
- **Location:** Tempe, West or Online, ASU Local
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 210 - Brief Calculus
- **Math Intensity:** Moderate

Required Courses (Major Map)

- [2022 - 2023 Major Map (On-campus)](#)
- [2022 - 2023 Major Map (Online)](#)
- [Major Map (Archives)](#)

Concurrent Program Options
Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

**Accelerated Program Options**

This program allows students to choose 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 and Data Analytics, MTax**

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

**Admission Requirements**

**General University Admission Requirements:**
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

First-year | Transfer | International | Readmission

**Additional Requirements:**

Freshmen admission requirements: 1230 SAT Reasoning OR 25 ACT score, OR graduated in the top 8% of high school class, OR have an overall high school GPA of 3.40 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 transfer GPA of 3.00 (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): transfer GPA of 3.00 and one of the following: 1160 (prior to March 2016) or 1230 SAT Reasoning (after March 2016) OR 25 ACT score OR must have graduated in the top 8% of their high school class OR have an overall high school GPA of 3.40 in ASU competency courses (scale is 4.00 = "A").

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 University College.

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 School of Business website to determine if they meet change of major requirements: [https://students.wpcarey.asu.edu/degrees-and-advising/degree-programs/change-majors](https://students.wpcarey.asu.edu/degrees-and-advising/degree-programs/change-majors). Students ready to change their major should submit their request through the Business school's Advising SOS website. [https://apps.wpcarey.asu.edu/apps/advising/index.cfm](https://apps.wpcarey.asu.edu/apps/advising/index.cfm)

Students should refer to [https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu) for information about how to change a major to this program.

### Attend Online

**ASU Online**

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information [here](https://changemmajor.apps.asu.edu).

**ASU Local**

It is now possible to earn an ASU degree with ASU Local, an integrated college experience in which students take advantage of in-person success coaching and programming experiences on site while completing one of 130+ undergraduate online degree programs, all of which come with online faculty interaction and tutoring support. Those interested may learn more about ASU Local [here](https://changemmajor.apps.asu.edu).
Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU™ 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 they help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
Study abroad experiences open up new doors for accountancy majors. Students gain valuable skills employers want, such as communication, interpersonal skills and flexibility, and understanding international accounting methods helps students become more well-rounded and competitive in the accounting field. Students benefit from thinking about study abroad early, allowing for opportunities to take summer courses in places like Costa Rica or studying a full semester in Europe to gain a real-life perspective on business applications worldwide.

The W. P. Carey School of Business recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in accountancy: https://goglobal.asu.edu/students/major/wp-carey/accountancy.

Career Opportunities

Accounting is a dynamic field, with diverse career opportunities in the private sector and in government agencies worldwide.

Graduates have the essential academic preparation and competitive edge they need for:

- a professional career in public, corporate and governmental accounting
- a position in consulting or are planning to operate a business
- a position in personal financial planning and portfolio analysis

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook (2018) states, "Employment of accountants and auditors is projected to grow 10% between 2016 and 2026, faster than the average for all occupations." Graduates are also well-positioned to pursue a graduate degree or attend law school.

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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<tr>
<td>Accountant/Auditor</td>
<td>4.3%</td>
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<td>Banking Examiner</td>
<td>7.3%</td>
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<td>Budget Analyst</td>
<td>3.4%</td>
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<td>4.4%</td>
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<td>Financial Manager</td>
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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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**Professional Licensure**

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the ASU professional licensure webpage: [https://admission.asu.edu/academics/licensure](https://admission.asu.edu/academics/licensure).

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