


Accountancy, BS

BAACCBS

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 knowledge of accounting theories and procedures.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [W. P. Carey School of Business](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#), [West Valley](#) or [Online](#), [ASU Local](#)
- **Second language requirement:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 210 - Brief Calculus
- **Math intensity:** Moderate 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map \(on-campus\)](#)

[2024 - 2025 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 plus master's degree** with:

[Accountancy and Data Analytics, MACC](#)

[Taxation and Data Analytics, MTax](#)

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how 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:

First-year 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").

First-year applicants 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 the 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 Bachelor of Arts program in the W. P. Carey School of Business.

Readmission requirements: Students must meet first-year 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 credit hours 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** 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").

Transfer students should select an additional major when applying for admission. Additional choices may include any of the school's BA programs or any other business or other degree program outside the W. P. Carey School of Business.

Students who are admissible to the university but do not meet admission requirements for this program and who did not select a second major or are not admissible to their second major choice are placed in a Bachelor of Arts program in the W. P. Carey School of Business. Students not interested in the program or campus location may reach out to wpcareyug@asu.edu for assistance in selecting another degree program.

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements

Students should visit the [W. P. Carey School of Business](#) website to determine if they meet change of major requirements. Students who are ready to change their major should submit their request through the school's [advising website](#).

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) 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's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

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.

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.

Global opportunities

Global experience

As globalization continues to impact the way the world lives and works, international experiences have become vital to accountancy students. Through international study and internships, students can gain valuable skills that employers are looking for: communication and interpersonal skills, flexibility, motivation and a real-life perspective on business applications worldwide. Understanding international accounting methods helps students become more well-rounded and competitive in the accounting field. Accountancy students in particular benefit from thinking about participating in a [Global Education program](#) early in their program. Students can leverage global opportunities and learning, which are great assets as they prepare for internships; these programs also provide unique experiences that students can share with recruiters.

The W. P. Carey School of Business recommends [these programs](#) for students majoring in 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.

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

Career	*Growth	*Median salary
<u>Accountant/Auditor</u> 	4.4%	\$78,000
<u>Banking Examiner</u> 	19.5%	\$82,210
<u>Budget Analyst</u>	3.3%	\$82,260
<u>Certified Financial Planner (CFP)</u> 	12.8%	\$95,390
<u>Cost Estimator</u>		\$71,200
<u>Financial Analyst</u> 	7.6%	\$95,080
<u>Financial Manager</u> 	16.0%	\$139,790
<u>Intelligence Officer</u>	1.5%	\$86,280

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

 [Bright Outlook](#)

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.

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