

“When it comes to making career decisions, CPAs are fortunate. . .



...because they have myriad choices within their chosen profession. In fact, because there are so many opportunities available, the biggest challenge they face may be deciding which career path to pursue.”

—**Robert Half International, world’s first and largest specialized staffing firm**

If you’re considering a career in business and being in a field that offers challenging assignments, an array of travel opportunities, advancement potential, skills building, and the chance to play a vital role in evaluating business deals and investment strategies – and yes, making a good salary as well – then our Accounting Program might just be for you.

With our Professional Program in Accounting (PPA), we are meeting the growing market demand for accounting graduates and Certified Public Accountant (CPA) candidates with a comprehensive, quality accounting program that is also cost-efficient. The PPA is a five-year program that includes both the BS Accountancy and MBA-ACC degrees.

You’ll study in The W. A. Franke College of Business building on the spacious, forested south campus. This complete learning environment includes classrooms, study areas, computer facilities, faculty offices, and a student lounge. Average class size for accounting major courses is twenty to thirty-five students, so it’s easy to know and talk with your professors. In fact, classes are small in all but a few introductory courses. Nearly all are taught by full-time faculty members.

At Northern Arizona University, we’re big enough to offer all the courses you’ll need, but small enough to know your name.

Career Opportunities

Study to become an...	Recent graduates have taken positions with...
Accountant	General Dynamics Corp.
Account executive	W. L. Gore & Associates
Auditor	Honeywell International
Controller/assistant controller	Motorola Inc.
Cost/financial analyst	KMPG
Credit manager/analyst	U.S. Defense Contract Audit Agency
Operations manager	GE Commercial Finance
Loan officer/originator	RSM McGladery
Tax accountant/auditor	Wells Fargo Bank
	Arizona Auditor General
	Ernst & Young
	Deloitte & Touche

Degree Programs

- **Bachelor of Science in Accountancy**
Extended major
- **Accounting and Corporate Financial Management Certificate**

Explore Courses that Jump-start Your Career

Business conditions—the big picture

Many factors influence the changing business environment—legal, fiscal, political and social. Successful accounting practice must incorporate a thorough understanding of this complex of influences. Our **Legal, Ethical, Global, and Regulatory Environment of Business** course will cover the basics, including legal and ethical issues, regulation, business policies, and decision-making.

Planning, control, and decision-making for businesses

Managers in every type of business, whether in the manufacturing or service sector, must have a solid understanding of cost controls and profit planning in order to succeed. Master these skills in our **Cost Accounting** courses. You'll develop a working understanding of the concepts and techniques used in profitability and performance analysis, long-term capital investments, and a variety of other managerial decisions.

Experience the Work World

Make professional connections and gain real-world experience through internships and externships, ranging from local to international firms.

Study Abroad

Study for a summer, a semester, or an academic year in universities around the globe. The university has cooperative agreements with institutions in Australia, Canada, Denmark, Ghana, Ireland, Japan, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom. We provide international education opportunities to all academically qualified students. Start your travel planning with a visit to nau.edu/international.

Understanding taxation for accounting

Federal, state, and municipal tax structures have enormous impacts on business and personal finances and related decision-making. Our **Income Tax Accounting** course will introduce you to tax concepts and entities, the role of federal taxation in business decision-making, basic tax research, and tax planning techniques.

Participate!

Make friends with others in your major by joining **Beta Alpha Psi**, the national honorary accounting fraternity. The group seeks to advance the profession and instill ethical, social, and public responsibility in members through social and service activities, including the Adopt-a-Trail program, field trips, and fundraising banquets.