What Can I Do With A Degree In...

ACCOUNTING

PROFESSION OVERVIEW:

The basic purpose of accounting is to provide trusted relevant information to management, investors, creditors, government and sometimes the general public. Accounting is an indispensable part of running a business and can be crucial to individuals with complex financial situations as well. Accountants participate in planning, analyzing and steering the activities of a firm; provide planning, management and security to an individual’s finances; collect revenue and prepare statistics for private and government surveys.

However, accounting is not simply number-crunching. It is needed by businesses in order to make investment decisions, extend or withhold credit, and to keep companies honest and on the “right track”. A degree in accounting can be the first step towards earning a CPA, being a tax attorney, or becoming the CIO of a company.

SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS:

Please ask your Career Advisor for help in identifying additional occupations for your major or additional resources for each of the occupations. Note that some of these options may require an advanced degree.

- Accounting Clerk
- Administrative Executive
- Bank Examiner
- Bank Officer
- Budget Accountant
- Bursar
- Certified Public Accountant
- Corporate Bookkeeper
- Credit Analyst
- Credit Counselor
- Customs Inspector
- General Accountant
- Internal Auditor
- Property Accountant
- Revenue Agent
- Securities Broker
- Special Investigator
- State/Federal Auditor
- Systems Accountant
- Tax Auditor/Accountant
- Treasurer

AVERAGE YEARLY SALARY (BACHELOR DEGREE CANDIDATES):

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<th>Functional Area</th>
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INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES:

- http://online.onetcenter.org/
- http://www.bls.gov/oco/
- http://www.naceweb.org/default.asp

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

- American Accounting Association
  http://www.aaahq.org/index.cfm
- Association of Latino Professionals in Accounting & Finance
  http://www.alpfa.org
- American Women’s Society of CPAs
  http://www.awscpa.org
- American Institute of CPAs
  http://www.aicpa.org/index.htm