Accounting

Do you want to help people make the best possible financial decisions for themselves and their businesses? If so, you will need to become an expert in accounting and develop a keen understanding of business concepts. You will need to build strong leadership and communication skills. Majoring in accountancy at OSU will help you get there.

College of Business accounting students have a long-standing reputation for excellence. They have exceeded national pass rates and led the State of Oregon in passing the CPA exam for two years running. In 2006, OSU students scored in the top five in the nation on the business portion of the CPA exam. More than 60 percent of OSU’s accounting students have job offers before they graduate.
The College of Business accounting program requires technical competence, and the time commitment necessary for success can be demanding. You will be expected to be self-sufficient and approach your studies with a professional attitude.

Participating in accounting-specific enrichment activities will enable you to take your education beyond the classroom. Beta Alpha Psi is a national honorary organization dedicated to preparing accounting students for their careers as professionals. OSU’s Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi was one of the first chapters chartered in the nation and consistently receives the Superior Chapter designation for its excellence. Beta Alpha Psi hosts a variety of functions and guest speakers that put you face-to-face with potential employers. In addition, Beta Alpha Psi organizes accounting tutoring services, professional meetings, community service activities, job fairs, and award banquets. Participation in these experiential learning activities and in internships helps increase your opportunities for finding that perfect job after graduation.

OSU College of Business accounting graduates include the executive vice president at Weyerhaeuser, global corporate controllers at Intel, and chief financial officers at Cisco Systems and Planar. Alumni have been chief executive officers at such firms as Willamette Industries, Fred Meyer, and Meier and Frank. Many alumni are successful partners in the major accounting firms throughout the Northwest and others own their own successful accounting firms. Some have even founded their own enterprises—E*Trade and Reser’s Fine Foods are two examples. Other accounting graduates have gone on to enjoy successful careers in law and education.

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