What Can I Do with a Career in Accounting?

Accounting professionals first and foremost analyze financial records to ensure accuracy and to assess if a company's operations is running efficiently. They will also prepare and verify financial records. According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook, employment of accountants and auditors is projected to grow 10 percent from 2016 to 2026, faster than the average for all occupations due to industries with economic growth as well as complex tax laws and guidelines from international business.

Potential Career Fields

There is so much that you can do with your degree. Below are some initial options from the **Occupational Outlook Handbook** and other resources that you can explore.

- External Auditors
- Tax Specialists
- Internal Accountants and Auditors
- Budget Analysts
- Financial Analysts
- <u>Cost Estimators</u>
- Tax Examiners, Collectors, and Revenue Agent
- Top Executives
- Loan Officers

What Alumni Are Doing with this Major According to LinkedIn

Connect with Alumni to help you explore and gain insights on industries. You can do this through informational interviewing.

- KPMG Partner, Senior Tax/Audit Associate
- Deloitte Senior Tax/Advisory Consultant
- EY Assurance Associate, Audit Senior
- San Francisco Health Plan Senior Manager, Accounting
- Moss Adams Senior Audit Manager
- Google America's Controller
- Kaiser Permanente Data Analyst
- Wells Fargo Accounting Manager
- PwC Risk Assurance Manager, Tax Manager
- SF State Risk Analyst
- TrueAccord Accounting Manager
- City and County of SF Payroll and Personnel Clerk

College of Business Organizations

Check out <u>College of Business student organizations</u> who can help you network, develop skills, and learn more about possibilities within this major.

- Beta Alpha Psi
- <u>Accounting Student Organization (ASO)</u>
- <u>Ascend SFSU Student Chapter</u>
- <u>Association of Latino Professionals For America at SFSU (ALPFA)</u>
- Graduate Students in Accounting Association (GSAA)

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Professional Associations

Professional associations can be a great way to learn about what is going on in industries and companies that may be relevant to your major. Often these associations have low-cost membership fees for students and may special internship programs, scholarships, or networking events that will promote the professional development of future professionals. Here are some professional associations that you may want to explore.

- <u>California Society of CPAs</u>
- <u>American Institute of Professional Bookkeepers</u>
- <u>California Society of Enrolled Agents</u>
- <u>The Association of Accountants and Financial Professionals in Business</u>
- Institute of Internal Auditors
- Institute of Management Accountants
- <u>The Association of Credit and Collection Professionals</u>
- International Cost Estimating and Analysis Association
- American Bankers Association

Career Research Resources

- What Can I Do with This Major? (On the SFSU Career Services site)
- <u>Occupational Outlook Handbook</u>
- <u>ONET</u>
- Wiley Accounting Career Guide

Jobs/Internships

Check out the resources below to help you explore jobs/internships to gain experience.

- Handshake
- COB Job/Internship Page
- Indeed

Need Assistance?

If you need assistance with figuring out what to do with your major or with finding job/internship opportunities, please check out the <u>College of Business Career Center</u> in BUS 137. You can email <u>cobcareer@sfsu.edu</u> or call 415-338-2509 to set up an in-person, phone, or video appointment.

For additional support, you can check out the **SFSU Career Services and Leadership Development (CSLD).**