The Department of Accounting offers a full program of accounting courses that will prepare you for entrance into the fields of public, private, or government accounting. If you successfully complete the curriculum, you should be prepared to take the Certified Public Accounting (CPA) and/or Certified Management Accounting (CMA) examinations.

Career Opportunities
Graduates of the accounting program understand accounting concepts and theory as well as business administration. They have the education necessary to excel in the accounting field. Graduates of the department have served internships and/or begun their careers with companies that include the following:

National/International Firms
- BDO
- CliftonLarsonAllen
- Deloitte & Touche
- Ernst & Young
- Grant Thornton
- KPMG
- McGladrey
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- WeiserMazars

Regional Firms
- BBD
- Elko & Associates
- Kreischer Miller
- Mallie, Falconiero & Company
- ParenteBeard

Local Firms and Companies
- Croft, Drozd & Company
- Defense Contract Audit Agency
- Enterprise
- The Fairman Group
- Fenstermacher & Company
- Fesnak & Associates
- Fischer Cunnane
- GMS & Surgent
- Hanna McGlone
- Marcum
- McBride Shopa
- SEI Investments
- Torillo & Associates
- Viro Pharma

Internship and Co-operative Education Opportunities
The department has an active internship program that allows you to earn up to 12 college credits for part-time or full-time employment with area businesses. Six of these credits can be applied towards the 120-hour accounting degree and the remainder can be applied towards the educational requirements to become a Certified Public Accountant (see Additional Requirement below).

Undergraduate Degree
Bachelor of Science in Accounting. Students can earn this degree through day or evening classes, upon the completion of 120 credit hours.

Additional Requirement
Although 120 hours are needed to earn a B.S. in accounting, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania licensing board requires the completion of 150 credit hours to become a Certified Public Accountant, which is similar to most state licensing boards. The additional 30 credit hours can be taken at the undergraduate or graduate level. The department offers advising guides for students who wish to complete 120 hours in four years or 150 hours in five years, which is recommended. (However, the 150-hour program can be completed in four years.) The 150-hour guide includes an option to obtain a dual major in accounting and finance.

Required Accounting Courses
- Accounting Information Systems
- Advanced Accounting
- Auditing
- Cost Accounting
- Federal Taxation I and II
- Financial Accounting
- Intermediate Accounting I, II, and III
Managerial Accounting
Not-for-Profit and Governmental Accounting

Minor
A minor in accounting is available. For more information visit the website below.

Related Student Activities
Accounting Society
Beta Alpha Psi (honors accounting fraternity)
Institute of Management Accountants (IMA)
Information System Audit & Control Association (ISACA)
National Association of Black Accountants (NABA)

Advanced Degree
Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)

Faculty
Students can obtain a complete listing of faculty and their academic qualifications for this program from the contact person listed below.

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A comprehensive, public institution, West Chester University offers high-quality undergraduate and graduate degree programs in more than 100 subject areas, as well as certification and certificate programs. As one of the largest members of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, West Chester offers a full and rewarding educational experience as well as reasonable tuition.

With a rich heritage dating back to the 19th century, West Chester University was founded in 1871 as West Chester Normal School for the purpose of training teachers for the Commonwealth’s newly established public schools. In 1960, West Chester State Teachers College expanded its programs to include liberal arts and graduate degrees and, as a result, dropped “Teachers” from its name. In 1983, West Chester State College became one of the 14 institutions in the State System of Higher Education. Along with its university status, the school acquired a new system of governance and the opportunity to expand its degree programs.

Today, more than 15,400 graduate and undergraduate students, along with 1,500 faculty and staff, study and work on the 406-acre campus. Situated in the Borough of West Chester, the campus is a picturesque mix of Gothic, Victorian, and modern architecture with pleasant, tree-shaded walks.

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