



# Accounting

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## An Introduction to Accounting

The AACSB accredited accounting program is well-known throughout the country for producing high-quality graduates each year. Immediately after graduation, many majors accept positions with international public accounting and consulting firms and investment banks. During the last three years, approximately 90 percent of accounting majors have started their careers with the “Big-Four” accounting firms. Some students attend highly ranked graduate schools, such as Cornell, Duke, and Villanova to study accounting, business, or law.

Our faculty helps students to understand accounting and its many complexities, rather than forcing them to memorize purely mechanical procedures. The entire program stresses the theory behind accounting so that graduates will have the basis of knowledge to begin a lifelong career.

The accounting program aims to work with each student as a unique individual. Class sizes are small, and faculty-student mentorship is a bedrock principle. The program seeks to graduate individuals who can enter the business world with the critical analysis skills necessary for success.

## Mission Statement

The mission of the undergraduate accounting program within the Robins School of Business is to combine superior accounting instruction and intellectual inquiry within a liberal arts environment to prepare individuals for successful careers in accounting and business. Our vision is to be a top choice undergraduate accounting program for students and employers.

## Accounting Programs

Richmond offers an undergraduate degree in accounting. The four-year undergraduate program offers students the skills and knowledge needed in today’s complex business environment. Students also have the opportunity to study abroad in short-term or semester long programs.

The accounting program is especially designed for students who want to start their careers in public accounting, consulting, or finance. Students are on a demanding unit system that provides most accounting students the opportunity to reach the 150-hour requirement to become CPA-ready in four years, instead of the traditional five-year graduate program. Undergraduate accounting graduates are highly sought after by the top public accounting and consulting firms. Many accounting graduates take the CPA exam the summer after graduation.

## Robins School of Business

In today’s economy, where day-to-day changes may alter the complexity of business decisions, the study of business must be continually updated. Through research and interaction with the business community, the Robins School of Business (RSB) keeps abreast of such changes.

The faculty recognizes the importance not only of teaching business principles, but also of showing how this knowledge may be applied to everyday situations. They design study courses that explore current business theory and practices.

Business programs offer a sound professional education with sufficient versatility to include technological and social change with the fundamentals needed in the business world. As a result, students develop a working knowledge of the many facets of business, graduating as world-ready leaders who excel in the global marketplace and are enthusiastic about making an impact.

The Robins School is a nationally recognized, fully accredited institution offering undergraduate, graduate, and executive education programs.

## Employers Recruiting Recent Graduates

- Baker Tilly
- Deloitte
- Ernst & Young (EY)
- Kaiser Associates
- KPMG
- Myers and Stauffer
- PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)
- Vault Consulting
- Veris Consulting/Ocean Tomo
- Yount, Hyde & Barbour (UHB)

## Faculty Areas of Specialty

- Accounting and business education
- Accounting information systems
- Auditing
- Auditor judgement and decision-making
- Accounting theory
- Business law
- Consulting
- Cybersecurity
- Financial accounting
- Federal tax accounting
- Fraudulent financial reporting
- International accounting
- IT audit and control
- Managerial accounting
- Sustainability reporting

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