

# What can I do with a major in “Accounting”?

## The University of Georgia Career Center

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*This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.*

### Description of Accounting

The J. M. Tull School of Accounting prepares students for careers as professional accountants, whether as tax experts, members of management, computer systems specialists, or as certified public accountants. The *curriculum acknowledges that accountants also need to be competent business people. Thus, the academic program* includes a significant exposure to courses in business, economics, and management and is designed to give the student an understanding of the theory of accounting as it is used in our society. An accounting education provides an excellent background for non-business professions, such as law, and is helpful for advancement to top-level management positions. Because of the various areas within accounting, BBA students are given a broad background of accounting classes to provide the basic tools to enter an accounting position. Should a student wish to specialize in a specific area, he or she would need to pursue the Master of Accountancy that allows specializations in Audit, Taxation, or Systems.

### Research Careers

Georgia Career Information Center <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu/> (accessible only on campus computers)

O\*NET <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations)

Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)

Alberta Occupational Profiles <http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp> (click on Occupational Title Search)

**\*Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant for additional information or assistance.**

### Possible Job Titles of Accounting Graduates

(\*Jobs secured as reported by UGA Career Center post-graduate survey)

Account Manager*	Cost Accountant	Staff Auditor*
Accountant*	Corporate Accountant*	Staff Consultant*
Audit Accountant*	External Financial Auditor*	Staff I Auditor Accountant*
Audit Associate*	Financial Analyst*	Tax Accountant*
Audit Staff*	Financial Consultant	Tax Associate*
Auditor*	General Ledger Accountant*	Tax Consultant*
Bookkeeper*	Investment Associate*	Tax Specialist*
Business Consultant*	Staff Auditor*	Tax Staff Accountant*
Certified Public Accountant*	Staff Accountant*	Treasury Accountant*
Consultant	Staff Analyst*	

### Employers of Accounting Graduates

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AGCO Corporation	Dixon Hughes Goodman	PricewaterhouseCoopers
AT&T	Ernst & Young	Prince and Young
BDO Seidman	Georgia Department of Revenue	Southern Company
Bennett Thrasher	Grant Thornton	The Ritz-Carlton
Bosch	Habif, Arogeti, and Wynne	TKM
Catapult Consultants	KPMG	Trinity Accounting Group
Classic City Community Church	Moore Colson	Turner Broadcasting
Clausell and Associates, CPA's, P.C.	Nichols and Cauley	UBS Investment Bank
Comcast	PE properties	United States Army Corps of Engineers
Deloitte & Touche	Porter Keadle Moore	Williams, Benator & Libby

### **General Information and Strategies**

Earn good grades. Accounting is very technical. Your ability to perform well in the classroom is an indication that you have an understanding of accounting principles and rules  
Develop strong leadership skills by getting involved in clubs and student organizations  
Participate in an internship in order to gain real experience as an accountant  
Enhance oral and written communication skills  
Learn how to work together on an effective team  
Attention to detail and accuracy are important  
Accept constructive criticism on how to improve your skills and abilities  
Conduct your job or internship search in the fall semester

### **Campus Resources**

**Beta Alpha Psi** <http://www.uga.edu/bap/>

**Terry College of Business, J. M. Tull School of Accounting**

<http://www.terry.uga.edu/accounting/>

### **Employment Websites**

Accounting.com [www.accounting.com](http://www.accounting.com)

USAjobs [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)

eFinancial Careers <http://www.efinancialcareers.com/>

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants <http://www.aicpa.org/>

American Society of Women Accountants [www.aswa.org](http://www.aswa.org)

Institute of Internal Auditors <http://www.theiia.org/careers/>

National Associations of Black Accountants <http://www.nabainc.org/>

### **Additional Resources**

**American Accounting Association** - <http://aaahq.org/index.cfm>

**American Institute of Certified Public Accountants** - <http://www.aicpa.org/>

**American Society of Women Accountants** - [www.aswa.org](http://www.aswa.org)

**Georgia Society of CPAs** - <http://www.gscpa.org/>

**Institute of Internal Auditors** - [www.theiia.org](http://www.theiia.org)

**Association of Government Accountants** - [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org)

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