

## ACCOUNTING OPTION Career Areas/Job Titles

Accounting is the analyzing and recording of financial transactions, the summarizing of financial data in financial statements and reports, the interpretation of financial data for decision making, the development of budgets for future planning, the determination of taxes and tax planning, the auditing of records and development of systems to verify financial activity, and the internal control of the activity being examined. The Option in Accounting will prepare students for the application of skills to any entity of economic activity such as a business, a government, a charity, or an individual. The purpose of accounting is to provide relevant information to decision makers, managers, investors, creditors, labor unions, government regulators, and others interested in the financial well-being and future of the entity.

## **Career Areas/Job Titles**

Certified Public Accountant International Accountant FBI Agent

Internal Auditor Controller IRS Investigator or Auditor

Loan Officer Administrator Financial Investment Analyst Tax Attorney

Underwriter Commercial Banker

Credit Manager Actuary

Personal Financial Planner Tax Compliance Officer

## Transferrable Skills

Communication SkillsPreparing ReportsOrganization SkillsInterpersonal SkillsProblem SolvingQuantitative ReasoningBasic Computer SkillsForecasting and PredictingData AnalysisMeeting DeadlinesGather InformationBudgeting

Analytical and Critical Thinking Attention to Detail

## **Professional Links**

- Accounting Career Resource Guide: <a href="http://www.allbusinessschools.com/business-areers/accounting/accounting">http://www.allbusinessschools.com/business-areers/accounting/accounting</a>
- Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance: http://www.afwa.org/
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants: http://www.aicpa.org/BecomeACPA/Pages/BecomeaCPA.aspx
- Institute of Management Accountants: <a href="http://www.imanet.org/ima\_home.aspx">http://www.imanet.org/ima\_home.aspx</a>
- The Institute of Internal Auditors: <a href="http://www.theiia.org">http://www.theiia.org</a>
- International Federation of Accountants: <a href="http://www.ifac.org/">http://www.ifac.org/</a>
- The Professional Accounting Society of America: http://www.thepasa.org/

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