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The Accounting Option provides students with opportunities in a variety of fields, including internal audit, external audit, tax preparation and planning, and consulting. Demand for accountants has been consistently strong. The goal of the accounting option is to prepare students for a career in accounting and the qualifications to obtain certifications, such as Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Management Accountant (CMA), and Certified Internal Auditor (CIA). The accounting option also prepares students to enter the Master of Science in Accounting program at UNH.

Accounting is called “the first language” of business for good reason: the fate of many products and marketing campaigns hinges on the financial officer's final analysis. For this reason, successful accounting professionals often assume leadership roles within their companies. Most students graduating from the Paul College with an option in Accounting enter public accounting (audit and tax) for their first couple of years. After gaining experience in public accounting, many then move on to working in the accounting or finance departments of corporations.

Transferable Skills

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| ▪ Communication Skills | ▪ Analytical and Critical Thinking |
| ▪ Interpersonal Skills | ▪ Quantitative Reasoning |
| ▪ Problem Solving | ▪ Organization Skills |
| ▪ Forecasting & Predicting | ▪ Data Analysis |

Career Areas/Job Titles

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| ▪ Certified Public Accountant | ▪ Internal Auditor |
| ▪ Underwriter | ▪ Tax Attorney |
| ▪ Commercial Banker | ▪ FBI Agent |
| ▪ Actuary | ▪ Loan Officer Administrator |
| | ▪ Credit Manager |

Tips for Researching and Planning an Accounting Career

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| ▪ Shadow an accountant for a day. | ▪ Talk with Paul College Career Counselor. |
| ▪ Attend Career Fair in the fall semester and talk to recruiters in the field. | ▪ Talk to Paul College Accounting faculty. |
| ▪ Get involved in a Public Accounting firms discovery or pathways program (typically after sophomore year). | ▪ Get involved with a club/organization. |
| | ▪ Get an Accounting internship. |
| | ▪ Network! |

Study Abroad Opportunities

Students are encouraged to study abroad during their time at UNH to better prepare them for a career in a globalized industry. Exploring accounting through different cultural frameworks enhances adaptability and introduces new perspectives on business operations and strategies.

Through a variety of opportunities, students are able to participate in a semester or short-term abroad experience without losing time towards graduation. The Accounting department strongly recommends meeting with academic counselors early to plan out your abroad semester and discuss course sequencing. Option courses that students may be able to satisfy abroad include ACFI 723 – Advanced Managerial Accounting; ACFI 725 – Financial Statement Analysis; and/or MGT 647 – Business Law. **Note:** All courses must be evaluated and approved prior to studying abroad.

Accounting Option Requirements

	Course	Course Title	Prerequisites
REQUIRED	ACFI 621	Intermediate Financial Accounting I*	ADMN 502
	ACFI 622	Intermediate Financial Accounting II	ACFI 621
	ACFI 723	Advanced Managerial Concepts & Applications	ADMN 503
	ACFI 724	Auditing (<i>writing intensive</i>)	ACFI 621
	ACFI 726	Introduction to Federal Taxation	ADMN 502
	MGT 647	Business Law I	Junior Standing; ECON 401; ECON 402; ADMN 420
CHOOSE ONE	ACFI 725	Financial Statement Analysis	Senior Standing; ACFI 621
	ACFI 750	Internship in Accounting	Permission required; consult with Option Coordinator
	ACFI 751	Independent Study in Accounting	Permission required; consult with Option Coordinator
	ADMN 799	Honors Thesis in Accounting (<i>writing intensive</i>)	Permission required; consult with Honors advisor
*Per department policy, ACFI 621 cannot be repeated. Students must earn a C- or better the first time taking ACFI 621 to continue in the Accounting option.			
For more information about the courses listed above, please visit the UNH online catalog (https://www.unh.edu/undergrad-catalog/choosecatalog.cfm).			

Get Involved

UNH Organizations:

- **Accounting Students Association:** The Accounting Students' Association (ASA) is an academic student organization that facilitates the exchange of information about the accounting profession and provides opportunities for networking with industry professionals. For more information, please visit the Paul College website.

Professional Organizations:

- **Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance** – <http://www.afwa.org>
- **American Institute of Certified Public Accountants** - <http://www.aicpa.org/BecomeACPA/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Institute of Management Accountants** – http://www.imanet.org/ima_home.aspx
- **The Institute of Internal Auditors** – <http://www.theiia.org>
- **International Federation of Accountants** – <http://www.ifac.org>
- **The Professional Accounting Society of America** – <http://www.thepasa.org>