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 Skills Preparing Reports Organization Skills
Interpersonal Skills Problem Solving Quantitative Reasoning
Basic Computer Skills Forecasting and Predicting Data Analysis
Meeting Deadlines Gather Information Budgeting
Analytical and Critical Thinking Attention to Detail

Professional Links
- Accounting & Financial Women’s Alliance: http://www.afwa.org/
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants: http://www.aicpa.org/BecomeACPA/Pages/BecomeaCPA.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/

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