

ACCOUNTING

Bachelor of Science



Introduction to the Major

Accounting is the foundation of every business decision, shaping how companies operate, invest, and grow.

At Clark, the accounting major provides a comprehensive education in financial reporting, auditing, taxation, and managerial accounting, preparing you for professional certification and career success. Through coursework that blends technical expertise with ethical leadership and strategic thinking, you'll develop the ability to analyze financial data, assess risk, and guide businesses through a changing economic landscape.

Highlights

Accounting students engage in real-world case studies, financial analysis projects, and internships with businesses and nonprofit organizations. Many participate in Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) programs, gaining firsthand experience in tax preparation while serving the local community.



"The most challenging courses are often the most rewarding, and they just might open a door to a new passion, skill, or career path."

- Erin Lucas '25, MS in Accounting '26



What can I do with my major?

JOBS & EMPLOYERS

With Clark's strong industry connections, career support, and experiential learning, you'll be well-prepared to pursue internships, CPA certification, and leadership roles in the field. A degree in accounting prepares you for a versatile and high-demand career path, with opportunities in public accounting, corporate finance, management accounting, government and nonprofit organizations, and risk management.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Majors often pursue MBA and master's degrees at Clark in marketing, or business analytics, or at other top schools including Carnegie Mellon, Columbia, and Emory.

Foundational Courses

All School of Business undergraduates complete core courses in accounting, management, information systems, organizational behavior, finance, and marketing. A total of fifteen units is required for this program.

- Seven business core courses
- Six accounting core courses
- One elective
- One capstone

Find out more at clarku.edu/business/academics/undergraduate-programs/accounting-bs/

YOUR CLARK EXPERIENCE



Discover and Demonstrate your Purpose



Cultivate Your Communities



Engage Locally & Globally



Develop your Professional Identity

Year 1



Explore the School of Business

Take a First-Year Intensive (FYI) course in the School of Business and try some introductory courses.



Get Connected

Join activities offered through the Student Leadership and Programming office and learn about potential leadership opportunities. Log in to Handshake to find career exploration events for all class years.



Explore on and off campus

Learn more about the many School of Business student organizations, including our chapter of the American Marketing Association and Women in Business. Get involved in the wider community through the community engagement fairs.

Year 2



Dig in and define your interests

Connect with the School of Business assistant dean for help declaring your major and finding an adviser.

Combine your studies with a second major or minor such as entrepreneurship, finance, management, or marketing.



Pursue leadership opportunities

Take part in on-campus clubs that align with your interests. Apply for club leadership positions or resident assistant roles.



Start planning for future opportunities

Start looking into projects and internships to apply your classroom knowledge. Meet with your career adviser at the CCC to strategize your search. Visit the Career Lab in ASEC for resume help.

Year 3



Explore the world

Visit the Office of Study Abroad to learn about opportunities. Many programs offer the opportunity to both study and complete an internship, giving you great exposure to international business.



Gain professional experience

Pursue a summer internship. Apply to volunteer with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to assist low income community members with their tax returns. Start working with the CCC early in your third year to prepare so you won't miss opportunities with early deadlines.



Plan for senior year and beyond

Work with your academic adviser to shape your plans. Apply for the 4+1 Accelerated Master's Degree if desired and be aware of the deadlines and requirements.

Year 4



Finish strong

Make sure to complete all major and core coursework and other requirements. Accepted into a 4+1 program? Start taking graduate courses and connect with career services on next steps.



Pull it together with your capstone

Your capstone experience draws on all of the knowledge and experiences you have gained at Clark. Collaborate with your peers in the capstone course to improve your critical thinking and effective communication skills.



What's next?

Work with the CCC and attend career fairs, employer information sessions, and recruitment events. Update your professional documents and LinkedIn profile. Participate in mock interviews and reach out to alumni through LinkedIn.