

# ACCOUNTING MAJOR (BS)

Department website (<https://www.uwp.edu/learn/programs/accounting.cfm>)

College: College of Business, Economics, and Computing

The accounting major is designed for business students who wish to prepare, analyze and verify financial documents. The accounting-specific courses provide students with a solid knowledge base and the strong quantitative skills necessary for a successful career in the accounting profession. UW-Parkside students who complete the current accounting major are well prepared to successfully pass the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Exam.

There are three main fields of accounting: public, private, and governmental. Each of these fields requires that the student learn precise skills in order to be successful; and these skills are continually emphasized through both course material and internships/externships taught by UW-Parkside faculty.

## Learning Goals

In addition to the business learning goals, the department has defined the following learning goals for accounting majors.

1. Students will be able to prepare corporate financial statements and analyze corporate annual reports.
2. Students will be able to understand, apply, and communicate theory, methodology, and solutions of cost concepts, cost systems, and cost behavior for product pricing, performance evaluation, and other managerial decisions.
3. Students will be able to develop and implement an audit plan and create audit reports related to internal auditing, governmental auditing, and operational auditing.
4. Students will be able to prepare tax returns for individuals, "C" corporations, "S" corporations, and partnerships.
5. Students will be able to analyze cases and develop solutions that require applying principles from the Uniform Commercial Codes, the law of contracts, other areas of law, and professional ethical guidelines.

## Common Fundamental, Preparation, and Core Course Requirements for all Business Majors

Business students should declare a major, and concentration if applicable, as soon as possible to stay on track toward graduation.

The following common requirements for all degrees in the business department are in addition to the university general education requirements.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Fundamental Preparation Courses</b> <sup>1</sup>		
A minimum grade of C or better is required in each course below (C- is not acceptable)		
<i>Required Courses</i>		
ECON 120	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECON 121	Principles of Macroeconomics	3

QM 110	Applied Quantitative Analysis in Business	3
SPCH 105	Public Speaking	3
<i>Advanced Writing Course</i>		
Select one of the following:		
ENGL 201	Advanced Composition	3
ENGL 202	Technical Writing	
ENGL 204	Writing for Business and Industry	
Fundamental Preparation Courses Subtotal		15

### Business Preparation Courses<sup>1</sup>

A minimum grade of C or better is required in each course below (C- is not acceptable)

ACCT 201	Financial Accounting	3
ACCT 202	Managerial Accounting	3
BUS 272	Legal Environment of Business	3
QM 210	Business Statistics I	3
QM 310	Business Statistics II	3
Business Preparation Courses Subtotal		15

### Business Foundation Core Courses<sup>2</sup>

Students must acquire an overall average GPA of 2.5 in 300/400 level foundation, major and concentration courses

QM 319	Operations Management	3
MIS 320	Management Information Systems	3
FIN 330	Managerial Finance	3
MGT 349	Organizational Behavior	3
MKT 350	Marketing Principles	3
BUS 495	Capstone in Strategic Management	3
Business Foundation Core Courses Subtotal		18

**Total Credits** **48**

1

Approved transfer classes worth fewer credits than the equivalent class can reduce the 15 credit requirement.

2

Approved transfer classes worth fewer credits than the equivalent class can reduce the 18 credit requirement.

### Prerequisites for 300-400 level business courses:

- Major declared and accepted;
- Completion of a minimum of 54 credits;
- Minimum overall GPA of 2.00 (calculated with and without transfer grades);
- Be within 12 or fewer credits of completing general education requirements.

## Requirements for the Accounting Major

Students should declare the accounting major as soon as possible to stay on track toward graduation. The Accounting program at UW-Parkside includes fundamental and business preparation courses (31 credits), upper-level foundation core courses (18 credits), and accounting major courses (24 credits).

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Common Fundamental, Preparation, and Core Courses</b>		
Details of this common requirement are listed on the OVERVIEW tab		
Fundamental Preparation Courses		15

Business Preparation Courses	15
Business Foundation Core	18
Common Fundamental, Preparation, and Core Courses Subtotal	48

**Accounting Courses***Required Major Courses*

ACCT 301	Intermediate Accounting I	3
ACCT 302	Intermediate Accounting II	3
ACCT 305	Individual Taxation	3
ACCT 306	Business Taxation	3
ACCT 400	Advanced Accounting	3
ACCT 403	Advanced Cost Accounting	3
ACCT 404	Auditing	3
BUS 372	Business Law	3

*Recommended Course*

ACCT 405	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)	
Accounting Courses Subtotal		24
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>72</b>

Students planning to take regional CPA Exams should take one of the two courses below.

**State of Wisconsin:**

ACCT 402 Accounting Information Systems

**State of Illinois:**

PHIL 206 Introduction to Ethics

## General University Degree Requirements (Bachelor's Degree)

In addition to individual program requirements, students must also fulfill the following requirements:

Requirement	Credits
Skills	7-8
General Education	36
Foreign Language**	6-8
Ethnic Diversity	3
Total	52-55

\*\* Transfer students in sustainable management, and health information management and technology collaborative, online degree-completion programs, the business management online degree-completion program, and the flexible option degree-completion program will be exempt from the university's foreign language requirement. See appropriate academic section for further information.

Skills Requirement (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#skills>)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Reading and Writing</b>		
ENGL 101	Composition and Reading	3
<b>Computational Skills</b>		
Select one of the following:		4-5
MATH 102	Survey of Mathematics	
MATH 103	Elementary Statistics	

MATH 104	Quantitative Reasoning	
MATH 111	College Algebra I	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>7-8</b>

General Education (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#general>)

- General Education Course List (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/programs/general-education-program/#coursestext>)

Foreign Language (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#language>)

Ethnic Diversity (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#ethnic>)

Degree Requirements

Requirement	Credits
Minimum Total Credits	120
Upper Level Credits (300 level or above)	36
Residency	30 of final 60

Cumulative Degree GPA: 2.0 minimum