ACCOUNTING, B.S. 
(ABINGTON)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Abington

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting, a minimum of 120 credits is required:

Requirement | Credits
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General Education | 45
Electives (non-business courses) | 8
Requirements for the Major | 79

12 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 3 credits of GWS courses; 3 credits of GS courses; 6 credits of GQ courses.

Consistent with Senate policy, at least 24 credits of course work in the major and the capstone course must be completed in the respective College to earn the degree. No more than 60 credits should be from business and business-related courses.

Students wishing to fulfill the 150 credit-hour education option to become a CPA in Pennsylvania (which reduces the experience requirement for certification) are encouraged to enter Capital College's Master of Professional Accounting program, or the Master of Business Administration program, or the Master of Science in Information Systems program subsequent to receiving their undergraduate accounting degree.

Requirements for the Major

To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn a grade of C or better in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44).

Select 6 credits of the following:
- ACCTG 410 Federal Taxation II
- ACCTG 431 Advanced Auditing
- ACCTG 432 Accounting Information Systems
- ACCTG 440 Advanced Management Accounting
- ACCTG 461 International Accounting
- ACCTG 462 Governmental and Not-for-Profit Accounting
- ACCTG 494 Research Project
- ACCTG 496 Independent Studies
- ACCTG 497 Special Topics

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Select 6 credits from 200 - 400 level business courses from: ACCTG, BA, ECON, FIN, MGMT, MKTG, or SCM in consultation with an academic adviser and in support of the student’s interests

General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)
- Quantification (GQ): 6 credits
- Writing and Speaking (GWS): 9 credits

Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)
- Arts (GA): 3 credits
- Health and Wellness (GHW): 3 credits
- Humanities (GH): 3 credits

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BA 364Y | International Business and Society | 3
ECON 102 | Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy | 3
ECON 104 | Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy | 3
FIN 301 | Corporation Finance | 3
MGMT 301 | Basic Management Concepts | 3
MIS 204 | Introduction to Management Information Systems | 3
MIS 390 | Information Systems Management and Applications | 3
MKTG 301 | Principles of Marketing | 3
SCM 301 | Supply Chain Management | 3

Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better

ACCTG 211 | Financial and Managerial Accounting for Decision Making | 4
ACCTG 310 | Federal Taxation I | 3
ACCTG 340 | Cost Accounting | 3
ACCTG 403 | Auditing | 3
ACCTG 471 | Intermediate Financial Accounting I | 3
ACCTG 472 | Intermediate Financial Accounting II | 3
ACCTG 473 | Advanced Financial Accounting | 3
BA 462 | Business Strategy | 3
ENGL 202D | Effective Writing: Business Writing | 3
BA 241 & BA 242 | Legal Environment of Business and Social and Ethical Environment of Business | 4
or BA 243 | Social, Legal, and Ethical Environment of Business | 4

Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

MATH 110 | Techniques of Calculus I | 4
or MATH 140 | Calculus With Analytic Geometry I | 4
SCM 200 | Introduction to Statistics for Business | 4
or STAT 200 | Elementary Statistics | 4

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• Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS): 3 credits
• Natural Sciences (GN): 3 credits

Integrative Studies
• Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain): 6 credits

Exploration
• GN, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
• GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses. This may include 3 credits
  of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the
  requirements for the student’s degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements
First Year Engagement
All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies
at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3
credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year
Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year
Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar
provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult
their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement
6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements
• United States Cultures: 3 credits
• International Cultures: 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum
3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as
part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits
A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate
degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits.
Students should consult with their college or department adviser for
information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work
Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and
earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within
their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition
The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require
up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or
in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward
degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or
within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (https://senate.psu.edu/
policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-
requirements/#83-80)). For more information, check the Suggested
Academic Plan for your intended program.