

# ACCOUNTING, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

## Program Description

The accounting minor requires students to complete 16 additional credits in accounting beyond the 4 credits required in ACCTG 211. It is designed to introduce students to advanced topics in financial and cost accounting, as well to the basics of income tax accounting for individuals. This minor can provide an enhanced understanding of accounting information flows, costing systems, and the general tax environment to students majoring in other business areas, and it is a particularly good compliment to the finance and management information systems majors. On its own, it will not generally enable students to meet the requirements for professional licensing in accounting.

## What is Accounting?

Accountants develop and interpret financial data required for decision-making by managers, investors, regulators, and other stakeholders. To perform their functions, accountants must work with both numerical information and concepts, and they must be able to function effectively as individuals and in teams. Accountants work with people in their own specialized departments, and with users of financial information throughout their organization. Because of this close association with other parts of the organization, the accountant is in a unique position to develop a broad business perspective.

## You Might Like This Program If...

- You enjoy numbers and working with technology.
- You are a business major who wants additional education in accounting.

## Program Requirements

Requirement	Credits
Requirements for the Minor	20

## Requirements for the Minor

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/#59-10>). In addition, at least six credits of the minor must be unique from the prescribed courses required by a student's major(s).

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Prescribed Courses</b>		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
ACCTG 211	Financial and Managerial Accounting for Decision Making	4
ACCTG 310	Federal Taxation I	3
ACCTG 371	Intermediate Accounting I	4
ACCTG 472	Intermediate Financial Accounting II	3

## Supporting Courses and Related Areas

*Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better*

Select 6 credits of additional ACCTG courses, at least 3 credits at the 400-level 6

## Academic Advising

The objectives of the university's academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee's unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/>)

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## Career Paths

The minor in Accounting can be pursued by students in most Black School of Business degree programs. Penn State Behrend has a comprehensive support system to help you identify and achieve your goals for college and beyond. Meet with your academic adviser often and take advantage of the services offered by the Academic and Career Planning Center beginning in your first semester.

## Careers

Beyond-the-required education in accounting can make you a more competitive job candidate in any field. The minor alone is not preparation for professional practice as an accountant.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES WITH A MINOR IN ACCOUNTING (<http://behrend.psu.edu/school-of-business/academic-programs/accounting/minor/>)

## Opportunities for Graduate Studies

Adding a specialized minor such as Accounting to a primary business major program demonstrates to graduate programs your commitment to interdisciplinary thinking.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES (<http://behrend.psu.edu/school-of-business/academic-programs/accounting/minor/>)

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