Division of Social Science and Professional Studies

Associate in Science in Accounting

This professional career program prepares students for entry-level positions in accounting including accounts receivable, accounts payable, payroll, bookkeeping, and as junior accountants and auditors. Students may also transfer from this program to four-year colleges to continue their education. Interested students are on track to take the CPA examination after fulfilling the more advanced course requirements at a transfer institution. Students graduating from the Associate in Science in Accounting will achieve proficiency in the college-wide learning outcomes.

Successful graduates of the program will be able to:

1. Apply general principles of ethics to solve problems in the accounting business environment;
2. Analyze financial information to solve accounting problems using appropriate critical thinking skills;
3. Apply managerial cost accounting concepts and differential analysis to the management decision making process;
4. Prepare financial statements based on the knowledge of generally accepted accounting principles;
5. Explain tax concepts for various forms of business entities, and understand the role of taxation in the business decision-making process;
6. Communicate accounting information effectively, both orally and in writing, and apply information technology to the analysis and evaluation of financial data;
7. Use scientific knowledge and methodology to test, validate, and update their knowledge about the natural world;
8. Apply knowledge about world regions and their histories, philosophical traditions, religions, artistic and cultural legacies, and economic and political forces in engaging others.