

ACCOUNTING

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Accounting is to prepare students for careers in public, private industry, and governmental and not-for-profit organizations. The department encourages and supports dynamic interaction between faculty and students. Faculty members contribute as leaders in the profession through research and community activities.

The Monmouth University Department of Accounting prepares students for today's varied and challenging careers in the accounting field including:

- **Public Accounting:** Opportunities range from the "Big 4" to regional and local firms which provide audit, tax, management, and forensic services to clients.
- **Private Accounting:** These options involve working within an individual company or non-profit organization.
- **Government Work:** Jobs are available working for the Internal Revenue Service, the NJ Division of Taxation, or other government agencies.
- **Education:** Graduates can continue for advanced degrees and return to academia for research and teaching opportunities.

Monmouth University accounting graduates will have met the educational requirements to sit for the rigorous Certified Public Accounting Examination (Students will have the opportunity to plan for meeting the additional requirements of 150 college credit hours, and work experience to become a CPA.)

The opportunities for accounting graduates are unlimited with the demand continuing at a strong level despite the current economic downturn.

- CPAs are highly respected and in demand.
- All financial decisions, for businesses and successful individuals, are dependent on accounting information.
- Accounting is the "language of business."
- Graduates with accounting skills are able to succeed in a career and life that offers wonderful opportunities.

Programs

Masters

- M.B.A. with a Concentration in Advanced Accounting (<https://catalog.monmouth.edu/graduate-catalog/leon-hess-business-accounting/mba-concentration-accounting/>)

Faculty

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Xudong Daniel Li, Associate Professor (Graduate Faculty). B.E., B.S., University of Science and Technology of China, M.B.A., University of California, Ph.D., University of North Texas. Research interests in auditing, firm choice, information transfer, financial reporting quality, managerial incentives/characteristics, and oil and gas. Broadly speaking, particular interests are (1) incorporated behavioral/psychological perspectives into theoretical explanations of various auditing and accounting contexts and (2) employing both economic and behavioral/psychology-based theories to develop testable hypotheses in examining the interplay of auditing and accounting via archival research methods and using archival data. xli@monmouth.edu

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Courses

BA-513 MBA Accounting

Credits: 1.5

Term Offered: All Terms

Course Type(s): None

This course offers a comprehensive understanding of both financial and managerial accounting theories and practices. Topics in financial accounting cover principles, current theory, and financial statement preparation. Managerial accounting explores the profession, core concepts, job costing, activity-based costing, and cost behavior analysis.

BA-514 Managerial Accounting

Credits: 1.5

Term Offered: All Terms

Course Type(s): None

This foundation course will equip students with a basic knowledge and understanding of managerial accounting theories and practices for management use. Topics covered include cost classification, the basics of product costing (job and activity-based), decisions based on cost-volume-profit (CVP) analysis, budgeting and performance evaluation.

BA-588 Internship in Accounting

Credits: 1-3

Term Offered: All Terms

Course Type(s): None

Provides the opportunity for MBA accounting track (and/or accounting concentration) students to apply classroom theory in practice through actual work experience in the accounting field. The course cannot be counted toward the MBA track or concentration requirements, but is recommended for those who do not have experience in the accounting profession. Students may take this course a maximum of two times (or a maximum of 6 credits). A minimum G.P.A. of 3.00 is required to take this course.

BA-598 Special Topics in Accounting**Credits: 3**

Term Offered: Spring Term

Course Type(s): None

The subject matter of this course varies according to the interest of the students and the professor teaching the course. The exact nature of the topic covered is indicated in the student's permanent record. If a prerequisite is required it will be announced in the course schedule.

BA-599 Business Research**Credits: 3**

Course Type(s): None

Independent research in business administration in an area not substantially treated in a regular course offering, under the supervision of a Business Administration faculty member; written evaluation of the research required. Student must be within nine credits of graduation. Prior permission of the directing professor and department chair is required to take this course.

BA-610 Accounting for Managers**Credits: 3**

Prerequisite(s): BA-513 and BA-514.

Term Offered: All Terms

Course Type(s): None

Accounting is the language of business. Managers are expected to have a minimum level of accounting and financial management skills that transcends all business disciplines. This course provides a foundation in financial planning, performance, control and financial decision making. It aims to develop students' ability for comprehension, application, analysis, synthesis and evaluation of the concepts, terminology, measures, systems and techniques used in corporate management accounting, as well as professional ethics, which are of critical importance in today's highly competitive business environment.

BA-640 Advanced Topics in Financial Statement Analysis and Valuation**Credits: 3**

Prerequisite(s): BA-610 and BF-612

Course Type(s): None

This course is designed to prepare students to interpret and analyze financial statements for tasks such as credit and security analyses, lending and investment decisions, and other decisions that rely on financial data. This course explores in greater depth financial reporting from the perspective of financial statement users. In addition, this course helps students understand some important and challenging accounting topics, such as cash flow analysis, pension analysis, lease analysis, accounting changes, financial instruments as liabilities and equity, etc.

BA-641 Advanced Accounting Information Systems**Credits: 3**

Course Type(s): None

This course introduces the graduate Accounting student to how accounting systems are implemented in today's computer-intensive environment. The course also covers methods for developing and documenting Accounting Information Systems (AIS) and how to evaluate controls in these systems.

BA-642 Financial Accounting Review and Case Study**Credits: 3**

Prerequisite(s): BA-610

Course Type(s): None

This course demands students to research, analyze, and communicate topics in accounting. Through the practice questions and case study, students will review the previous accounting courses and will learn about accounting research. Developing presentation skills is also a large component of the course.

BA-645 Tax Research**Credits: 3**

Term Offered: Spring Term

Course Type(s): None

This course is designed to prepare students to research tax questions. All applicable sources of federal tax law will be used to formulate conclusions and professional recommendations.

BA-699 Business Research in Accounting**Credits: 1-3**

Course Type(s): None

Independent research in business administration in an area not substantially treated in a regular course offering, under the supervision of a Business Administration faculty member; written evaluation of the research required. Student must be within nine credits of graduation. Prior permission of the directing professor and department chair is required to take this course.