BSBA-Accounting

Informed by numbers, driven by principle.

Accounting describes the process of gathering financial information to help lay the foundation for short- and long-term decisions. Accountants are an integral part of every organization’s management team and crucial to the success of every company. As an accountant, your responsibilities include compiling, analyzing, confirming and preparing financial reports to bring to management and stakeholders. Accountants are effective communicators, excellent problem solvers and highly attentive individuals.

Sources of Accepted Full-Time Offers*

WASHU CLUBS/OPPORTUNITIES
- Beta Alpha Psi
- Center for Experiential Learning
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA)
- Skandalaris Center

Additional Opportunities
Actuary, Auditor, Commodities Trader, Commercial Banker, Financial Planner, IRS Agent, Loan Administrator, Research Analyst, Trust Accountant, Underwriter, Cost Accountant, Investment Banker

Top Olin Full-Time Employers
Ernst & Young, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), Deloitte, KPMG, Protiviti, Maryville Technologies

Sources of Internship Offers*

WASHU CLUBS/OPPORTUNITIES
- Networking Event
- On-Campus Interview
- Company Websites
- Career Fair and Networking Event
- Alumni/Faculty/Staff

Soft Skills
Analytical thinking, attention to detail, critical thinking, adaptability, collaboration, interpersonal skills, multitasking, organization, problem solving, ethical decision-making, global outlook, time management, entrepreneurial mind-set

Top Olin Internship Employers*
Andersen Tax, Cigna Corp., Express Scripts Holding Company, EY (Ernst & Young), KPMG, Maryville Consulting Group, Morningstar, Inc., N&K CPAs, Inc., Nisa Investment Advisors LLC

Full-Time Employer Industries*

*Information collected from self-reported student data from the Class of 2019.
Career Search Timeline

**Fall Semester**
- Meet with your designated Career Coach
- Attend Activities Fair to find ways to get involved on campus
- Get acclimated to campus
- Attend employer events on campus
- Develop resume and create profile in CareerLink
- Join WashU Career Center’s career interest group(s) based on desired career path
- Update resume and cover letters regarding summer experiences; partner with your Career Coach or Career Peer Leader
- Be prepared for heavy recruiting season (September–October)
- Attend employer events on campus
- Review CareerLink and company websites for opportunities
- Seek out leadership opportunities and involvement with campus organizations
- Participate in Management 201
- Determine CPA vs. non-CPA career path with BSBA Academic Adviser
- Update resume (e.g., CPA eligibility) and meet with your Career Coach
- Visit various employers’ info sessions and events to start determining target employers and job functions
- Seek out leadership opportunities and involvement with campus organizations
- Participate in fall recruiting, as needed
- Meet with your Career Coach to evaluate offers and discuss negotiations
- Become a mentor for underclassmen
- Attend accounting networking event
- Explore grad school, if interested
- Prepare for transition to full-time work
- Build WashU network in future job location
- Share career search experience with your Career Coach
- Begin your career!
- Connect with current WashU students
- Stay connected as an engaged alum

**Spring Semester**
- Create LinkedIn profile and review with Career Coach or Career Peer Leader
- Conduct informational interviews
- Attend career-related events (e.g., coffee chats and info sessions)
- Explore employers you are interested in
- Research different accounting specializations
- Discuss accounting class selection and study abroad opportunities with your Academic Adviser
- Attend Wash U Career Fair
- Apply for sophomore leadership programs and conferences
- Attend employer events on campus
- Practice interview skills with your Career Coach
- Conduct informational interviews
- Attend accounting networking event
- Start researching career treks and roadshows
- Continue to work with your Career Coach when studying abroad
- Prepare for summer internship
- Participate in LinkedIn groups
- Engage with alums at summer internship company
- Report summer plans to your Career Coach
- Enjoy your internship–full-time offers may be extended
- Expand your network at your internship
- Update resume and LinkedIn profile
- Evaluate your internship experience
- Work with your Career Coach to prepare for fall recruiting
- Schedule an internship check-in with your Career Coach
- Begin your career!
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**Summer**
- Expand your network, both in person and on LinkedIn
- Connect with upperclassmen to learn about their experiences
- Update your resume if you have a summer job or internship
- Continue networking; follow employers on LinkedIn and social media
- Report summer plans to your Career Coach
- Attend summer leadership programs and conferences
- Volunteer within your area of interest, if you don’t have an internship or job
- Work with your Career Coach to prepare for fall recruiting
- Schedule an internship check-in with your Career Coach
- Attend WashU Career Fair
- Apply for sophomore leadership programs and conferences
- Attend employer events on campus
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Contact Us.
Schedule an appointment with your Career Coach

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