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*
INTERNSHIP | ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEW
NETWORKING | EMPLOYER EVENT

SOURCES OF INTERNSHIP OFFERS*
ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEW
FAMILY/FRIEND CONNECTION
COMPANY WEBSITES
CAREER FAIR AND NETWORKING EVENT
ALUMNI/FACULTY/STAFF

AVERAGE FULL-TIME COMPENSATION* $69,295
$32/hour

AVERAGE INTERNSHIP COMPENSATION* $32/hour

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
Actuary
Auditor Commodities
Trader Commercial
Banker Financial
Planner IRS Agent
Loan Administrator
Research Analyst Trust
Accountant
Underwriter
Cost Accountant

STANDARD JOB TITLES*
Tax Consultant
Accountant
Audit Associate
Assurance Associate
Associate Consultant
Financial Analyst
Investment Banking Analyst
Financial Services Consultant

TOP OLIN FULL-TIME EMPLOYERS*
Ernst & Young
PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)
Deloitte
KPMG
Protiviti
Maryville Consulting Group

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

WASHU CLUBS/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Beta Alpha Psi
Center for Experiential Learning
Skandalaris Center

COMMON INDUSTRIES*

*Information collected from self-reported student data from the Class of 2021.
Career Search Timeline

**FIRST YEAR**

**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 Handshake
- Join WashU Career Center’s career interest group(s) based on desired career path

**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

**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

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**SECOND YEAR**

**Fall Semester**
- 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

**Spring Semester**
- Attend accounting networking event
- Start researching career treks and roadshows

**Summer**
- Continue networking; follow employers on LinkedIn and social media
- Report summer plans to your Career Coach

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**THIRD YEAR**

**Fall Semester**
- 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 Handshake and company websites for opportunities
- Seek leadership roles in extracurricular activities
- Continue networking and interacting with employers and alumni
- Make appointments with your Career Coach for mock interviews
- Consider Washington University’s Master of Accounting; discuss with your BSBA Academic Adviser
- Attend accounting networking event
- Explore grad school, if interested

**Spring Semester**
- 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
- Participate in additional recruiting opportunities (e.g., corporate accounting)

**Summer**
- 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

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**FOURTH YEAR**

**Fall Semester**
- 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
- Review salary negotiation resources

**Spring Semester**
- Prepare for transition to full-time work
- Build WashU network in future job location
- Share career search experience with your Career Coach

**Summer**
- Begin your career!
- Connect with current WashU students
- Stay connected as an engaged alum

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**Contact Us.**

Schedule an appointment with your Career Coach

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WASHU CAREER INTEREST GROUPS
https://students.wustl.edu/career-interest-groups/

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Washington University in St. Louis
Olin Business School