Accounting and Finance are essential to every business and organization. Millersville’s accounting and finance options provide you with the knowledge, communication skills and analytical tools required by employers in today’s complex and changing workplace. These degrees can launch a challenging and rewarding career in industry, banking, wealth management, consulting, public accounting and more.

DEGREES/OPTIONS

The Department of Accounting and Finance offers a Bachelor of Science in business administration with four possible areas of concentration:

- Accounting
- Finance
- General Business
- International Business

The department also offers minors in Accounting, Finance and General Business.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

The core curriculum exposes you to a wide range of business topics including financial and managerial accounting, principles of management and marketing, informational systems, business law, research methods, finance and more. Your option provides deeper study in a specific field. Accounting students pursue additional coursework in intermediate accounting, federal taxes, auditing, cost accounting and more. The accounting option provides you with the credits and coursework required to sit for the CPA and CMA exams. The finance option provides advanced courses in corporate finance, investments, international finance, spreadsheet modeling, cases and more. The curriculum also provides excellent preparation for graduate and professional studies leading to degrees such as the M.B.A., M.S., Ph.D. and the J.D.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

As long as businesses exist, accounting and finance professionals will be in demand. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York’s Recent College Graduates survey indicates that accounting has the lowest unemployment rate for business-related majors, in finance in particular. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects higher employment than the average business occupations. Accounting and finance median early career wages (22 to 27 years of age) are over $50,000.

Millersville’s accounting and finance graduates are competitive, with 85 percent finding jobs in their field and 96 percent employed. Recent examples include: Cisco Systems; Dell, Inc.; Hershey Entertainment & Resorts; Lancaster General Health; Morgan Stanley; High Industries, Inc.; The Franklin Institute; and Wells Fargo Mutual Funds. Millersville graduates have gone on to post-graduate programs at Dickinson School of Law, Drexel University, Temple University and Pennsylvania State University, among others.

FACULTY

All accounting and finance faculty hold terminal degrees in their fields, and the accounting faculty have earned professional certifications. They bring a variety of rich industry experience to the classroom.
INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Internships are highly encouraged, and our flexible curriculum permits internships and cooperative education with local industry. With internships, students can earn academic credits, and often get paid, while gaining valuable work experience and developing skills. Accounting internships include: Trout, Ebersole & Groff; RKL Smoker & Co.; Beard Miller Co.; and Hatter, Harris, Beittel. Finance internships include Emerald Asset Management Corp; Morgan Stanley; Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.; and Fulton Financial Corp.

ETS TEST RESULTS

A routine part of our outcomes assessment program is the administration of the ETS – Business II test, a nationally recognized benchmark. Accounting and finance students have always done very well.

Educational Testing Service

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MICROSOFT OFFICE EXCEL SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION

Most accounting and finance classes place a heavy emphasis on Excel and financial modeling software. Students acquire in-demand skills and have the opportunity to earn an official Microsoft certification to set them apart from the competition.

Microsoft Office Specialist
Authorized Testing Center

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Did you know?

- Millersville helps students land amazing internships. Over the past few years, Millersville students have interned at companies such as: Disney; Vanguard; IBM; NBC Olympics; Cisco Systems; and so many more.
- Millersville accounting students generally score within the 99th percentile of their major field exams, and finance students score within the 97th percentile of their major field exams (according to Educational Testing Service).

SAMPLE COURSES

ACCT 364: 3 s.h. Cost Accounting - Investigates cost-accounting techniques such as budgeting, accounting controls, standard cost, operation evaluation techniques, variance analysis and performance analysis. The role of cost accounting in profit planning and decision making is examined. Offered fall, spring. Prereq: C- or higher in BUAD 162, 206 (306).

ACCT 366: 3 s.h. Federal Income Tax I - Study of federal income tax laws as they relate to individuals and businesses. Topics include gross income, deductions, basis, gains and losses, and tax computations. Students are introduced to tax research techniques and applications. Offered fall, spring. Prereq: C- or higher in both BUAD 162 and 202.

FIN 345: 3 s.h. Investment Analysis - Analysis of investment objectives and functioning of capital markets, including market trading strategies and techniques of portfolio management. Study of stocks and bonds, mutual funds, options and futures. Offered fall. Prereq: C- or higher in BUAD 341.

ACCREDITATION

Millersville University’s College of Business is internationally accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) to offer a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in business administration.