



FORENSIC ACCOUNTING

The forensic accounting minor at Indiana State University provides the necessary accounting, fraud examination, and investigative skills to investigate, detect, and prevent fraud. This minor is open to all majors. The forensic accounting minor will appeal to criminology majors interested in a career in deterring money laundering and white collar crime and to College of Business majors who are interested in being able to detect and prevent fraud. For accounting majors fraud examination is part of their job and this minor provides specialized knowledge and tools.

Careers

An educational forensic accounting background will prepare students for the CFE (Certified Fraud Examination). The CFE covers the following four areas that are also covered throughout the forensic accounting program at ISU:

- Criminology & Ethics
- Financial Transactions
- Fraud Investigation
- Legal Elements of Fraud

A forensic accounting minor, along with the CFE, can lead to careers in several areas such as:

- Accounting
- Finance
- Criminology
- Investigation
- Law Enforcement



Nearly half of the state's Internal Revenue Service (IRS) criminal investigation special agents visited accounting students on the campus of Indiana State University to offer an up-close look at forensic accounting and possible future careers as criminal investigators. Indiana State students from Dr. Tom Harris' fraud, tax and auditing classes attended what is known as the Adrian Project, an event which uses real-world fraud cases to show how forensic accounting investigations work.

"I certainly have not been disappointed (with IRS agents' instruction). It's been a great experience for our students."

Dr. Tom Harris

Student Involvement

Beta Alpha Psi, the national professional fraternity for financial information professionals, is active on campus and in the community. Through this fraternity, students:

- participate in community activities
- network with industry professionals
- travel to professional conferences
- attend workshops
- participate in community service projects

Scholarships

There are several scholarships and financial awards available only to College of Business majors and minors. For more information, go to: www.indstate.edu/business/schoalrships.



www.indstate.edu/business/accounting/forensic

Curriculum

The minor in forensic accounting is a joint partnership with the department of criminology. The minor consists of eighteen hours (6 courses), 4 courses in accounting and 2 courses in criminology. It is open to all majors on campus. The minor in forensic accounting can be completely web based or on campus.

Faculty



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Alumni Spotlight



Amber Williams is currently an audit intern for BKD, LLP, a public accounting firm, where she performs audits of financial institutions, manufacturing facilities, and employee benefit plans. Williams was awarded the Indiana CPA Society's Outstanding Accounting Major Award in 2008. In addition to an accounting major, Williams also minored in forensic accounting and marketing, graduating in 2008.



Maulik Khatadia, currently Assistant Hall Director for Office of Residential Life at ISU, supervises 15 Academic Peer Advocates and helps with first year student transition to college academics. Previously, Khatadia worked as an entry level auditor for Ernst & Young, a Big 4 global accounting firm. He graduated from ISU in 2006 with a major in accounting and a minor in forensic accounting and is currently working on his MBA at ISU.



Since graduating in 2007 with a double major in accounting and finance and a minor in forensic accounting, April Huey has used her education to lead her to her current position as a staff auditor at BKD, LLP, Indianapolis, Ind. Under this title, Huey is responsible for performing financial statement audits and audits of employee benefit plans and financial statement reviews. Huey is also a member of the College of Business' Young Professionals Board.

Find Out More

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