



Accounting

Accounting is an important part of every business and industry around the world. An accountant must bring a broad perspective and special accounting knowledge to the job. Successful accountants possess interpersonal, communication, and problem-solving skills. The courses students take in the Scott College of Business will prepare them for an exciting career in accounting. The Accounting Program at Indiana State University offers preparation and hands-on experience that will lead to a challenging career.

Careers

The field of accounting offers challenging and rewarding opportunities in:

- public accounting
- tax accounting
- government
- not-for-profit organizations

Many ISU graduates serve as:

- auditors
- budget officers
- controllers
- cost accountants
- systems analysts

Majoring in accounting is excellent preparation for the course work required by the state of Indiana to be a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or for the completion of a master of business administration



Distinguished Alumnus Matt Eckert, returned to his alma mater. President and CEO of Holiday World & Splashin' Safari. The organization has been recognized as a world

leader in the industry.

A 1996 graduate of ISU in Accounting and Insurance and Risk Management, he also serves on the Dean's Executive Council for the Scott College of Business. Eckert has also been a senior auditor with Arthur Andersen in Indianapolis.

He returned to ISU on several occasions, but during this past trip he specifically spoke to business students on a range of topics including marketing, management, and accounting.

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, attend workshops, participate in community service projects, and travel to professional conferences.

Scholarships

Several scholarships and financial awards are designated specifically for accounting majors. Other scholarships are available only to Scott College of Business majors and minors. For more information go to: www.indstate.edu/business/scholarships.

Curriculum

The accounting major at Indiana State University includes nine courses in areas such as financial and cost accounting, federal income taxation, accounting systems, and auditing theory and practice. A minor in accounting can be obtained by taking 12 hours of accounting courses. Our forensic accounting minor provides the necessary accounting investigative skills to detect and prevent fraud. In addition to basic accounting courses required for the major, the forensic accounting minor also includes courses in fraud examination, criminal law and procedures, and criminal investigation.

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Alumni Spotlight

James Pajakowski, '82, is Executive Vice President at Protiviti. Since graduation he has had more than 25 years of professional experience working with both public and private companies in manufacturing, public utilities, professional services and other industries. Pajakowski is a member of The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) and is a past president of the Boys and Girls Club of Indianapolis. He currently serves on the boards of Chicago Chamber of Commerce and the Salvation Army in Chicago.

O. Earl Elliott, '76, is president of Sackrider & Co., Inc. in Terre Haute, IN. Since graduation, Earl and his wife, Tina, have founded the O. Earl and Tina Elliott Scholarship, which is awarded each year to students who are effective leaders and have a well documented record of community service. Elliott also serves on the Scott College of Business' Dean's Executive Council.

Donna Kinnaird is President of Swiss Re Life & Health America Inc. and she joined Swiss Re in 2002. Kinnaird started in public accounting and eventually held CFO and COO Positions with primary insurance companies, acquiring an extensive background in primary life insurance and life acquisitions. She is a Certified Public Accountant and is a member of American Institute of Certified Public Accounts. Ms. Kinnaird earned a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Indiana State University and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Butler University.

Find Out More

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