What do Nike, Apple and your local hardware store have in common? Accounting is “the language of business” and all of these businesses have accountants who document, analyze and interpret financial transactions to help them become more successful.

Accounting is one of the most versatile business majors, offering a background in all aspects of business as well as providing a strong foundation for those who choose to pursue the Certified Public Accounting (CPA) license.

An accounting degree is portable, allowing you to easily relocate anywhere in the world. With an accounting degree you can choose to work in many different fields such as the corporate suite, FBI, IRS or running your own business.

UAF’s accounting program is the only accounting program in Alaska accredited by The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the premier global accrediting body for business and accounting programs and schools. Our program offers students instruction by approachable and friendly faculty who possess real world experience. Small class sizes and several active professional organizations offer students opportunities for career guidance, networking, internships and soft skill development to compliment the technical skills gained through the classroom.

CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Banking
- Budget analyst
- Accounting clerking
- Criminal investigator
- Controller
- Corporate analyst
- Credit authorization
- Executive management
- Financial management
- Government
- Intelligence
- Entrepreneurship
- Certified Public Accountant
- Certified Management Accountant
- Certified Internal Auditor
- Certified Fraud Examiner

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Alumni Highlight

ALYSSA LARSEN, BBA ACCOUNTING 2015, MBA 2016

“The SOM Accounting Program helped me obtain a job with the assurance department of BDO USA LLP while still finishing my undergraduate degree in accounting. My life was enriched by the relationships I developed, not only with my professors and peers, but also with the many professionals and community members I met through my involvement with the Great Alaskan Accounting People (GAAP) student organization.

The most valuable thing I learned is how to transition comfortably into the professional world and apply the knowledge that my professors instilled in me. The transition from college into the working environment can be daunting and overwhelming for any young person, but thanks to the SOM Accounting Program it was neither difficult nor frightening for me.

The strongest aspects of the SOM Accounting Program are the wonderfully tailored courses, the professors and the student organization. The courses prepare students with the base knowledge expected when entering the work environment and thoroughly prepare students who are planning on taking licensing exams. The professors are knowledgeable, personable and really get to know their students; I always felt that my success was a top priority for all my instructors. Lastly, GAAP introduces students to inspiring professionals, teaches them the etiquette and expectations for entering the professional world, and helps to place students into desirable job opportunities.”

HIGHLIGHTS

• Get involved in one of our student organizations:
  » Active and Innovative Minds (AIM)
  » Associated Students of Business (ASB)
  » Cadet Club (ROTC)
  » Great Alaskan Accounting People (GAAP)
  » International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM)
  » Native Alaskan Business Leaders (NABL)
  » Society of Human Resource Managers (SHRM)
  » Students Offering Leadership Development (SOLD)

• Examples of where our students are now:
  » Bethe Davis: RJG, A Professional Corporation
  » Charles Kozak: ASRC
  » William O’Leary: Alaska Railroad
  » Errol Russell: BDO
  » Linda Thomas: Alaska Brewing
  » Sarah Villalon: UA Foundation
  » Michael Weaver: Usibelli Coal Mine

HIGHLIGHTS

• Friendly and engaging faculty
• Internships, many lead to job offers
• Only school in the state of Alaska with an AACSB accredited accounting program
• Our students have high CPA pass rates, often higher than the national average
• Many opportunities for active and experiential learning
• Undergraduate students: approximately 150

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Review the admission requirements at www.uaf.edu/admissions/apply
2. Scroll down and select the yellow ‘Undergraduate & grad application’ button to begin the application
3. Contact our office to schedule an advising appointment