School of Accounting

The School of Accounting offers three degree programs in accounting:

1. BS in Business Administration with a major in accounting and options in either (1) External Reporting, Control, and Auditing or (2) Internal Reporting, Control, and Auditing
2. MS in accounting with concentrations in (1) Tax, (2) Financial Reporting and Auditing, (3) Data Analytics and Systems, and (4) Corporate Finance
3. PhD in Business Administration with an emphasis in accounting.

Accounting plays a critical role in supporting a prosperous society. The School of Accounting prepares students to become part of the future of the accounting profession as trusted consultants, accountants, managers, and analysts who support businesses and organizations in the global marketplace. We focus on preparing our students for a rewarding career, where they can help solve interesting and important problems. Our graduates have many possible career paths, including practicing as public, private, or governmental accountants, or working in managerial positions requiring an understanding of fundamental accounting concepts. Our faculty members are known for their dedication to students and for advancing the practice of accounting and accounting education through active research programs.

The common objective of the BS and MS accounting programs is to educate students for success in a wide range of professional accounting careers. The specific objective of the BS accounting program is to provide fundamental knowledge as a foundation for accounting career development. The objective of the MS accounting program is to provide students with a greater breadth and depth in accounting than is possible in the BS program. While both programs prepare students to complete certain accounting certifications (e.g., CIA, CMA), the MS program has a specific focus on preparing graduates for careers as professional accountants who will complete the Uniform CPA Examination.

Students who have the objective of sitting for the Uniform CPA Examination as Oklahoma candidates must have a BS degree and are required to complete 150 credit hours consisting of 76 upper-division hours, 30 hours of accounting above introductory accounting (including 3 hours of external auditing), and nine upper-division hours from other business-related areas. The MS in accounting earned at Oklahoma State University satisfies the educational requirements for CPA candidates in most jurisdictions of the United States.

Accreditation

The School of Business is fully accredited by AACSB International, with the School of Accounting having supplemental accreditation by AACSB.