CAREERS IN ACCOUNTING:

As a tax professional, you will gain in-depth experience in tax planning and compliance for a variety of businesses and individuals. You will guide your clients through an ever-expanding maze of complex regulatory and business issues faced by companies in today’s global business environment.

As an auditor, you will review business records for accuracy and integrity, learning about business from the inside. Whether your passion is in accounting, business development or marketing, an auditor can be all of these things and more.

As an advisory services professional, you will develop skills to advise clients in one of a number of capabilities including cybersecurity and privacy, deals, forensics, risk and regulation, and more.

ACCOUNTING DECLARE

Career recruiting starts during your sophomore year. Be prepared by getting involved early and joining the Accounting Society or Beta Alpha Psi (AS/BAP). By participating in these societies, you will:

• Learn about various opportunities available to accounting majors
• Develop your personal and professional skillset to help you excel in your future career
• Network with professionals to build lasting relationships with future colleagues
• Fulfill your Passport requirements by attending professional events sponsored by AS/BAP
• Have access to workshops for resume writing, cover letters, and interview preparation
• Attend professional banquets and ceremonies to improve professionalism

Contact the Accounting Society & Beta Alpha Psi Advisors at:
Professor Mark Judd at mjudd@sandiego.edu
Professor John Prunty at jprunty@sandiego.edu

Sophomore Year | Junior Year | Senior Year
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Fall Semester | ACCT 201 | ACCT 300 & 302 | ACCT 401 & 407
Spring Semester | ACCT 202 | ACCT 301, 303 & 306 | ACCT 320 & 408

The USD accounting major ranks in the top 5% of accounting programs in the U.S. by College Factual. Accounting graduates typically earn the highest salaries compared to other majors.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM OF STUDY:

Bachelor of Accountancy (BACC) Program provides the skills needed to hold national and international accounting-oriented positions. The following is the suggested program of study for the BACC program.

WHY CHOOSE ACCOUNTING AS A MAJOR?

1. 85% of students receive a job offer before graduation
2. Flexible and clear career path
3. High starting salaries
4. Stable and growing job field
5. Great potential for professional growth
6. Entrepreneurial potential
7. Earn CPA & CMA certifications
ACCOUNTING RECRUITING TIMELINE:

Attending Leadership Programs the summer of your sophomore year can lead to an internship offer for the summer of your junior year, which can result in a full-time job offer upon graduation. The best path towards obtaining one of these coveted internships/full-time positions is:

• During your Freshman year, develop your Resume and Cover Letter.
• During your Sophomore year, attend Leadership Networking in Spring and Leadership Conferences during the summer.
• During your Junior year, attend Meet the Firms and interview for intern positions during the Fall semester.
• During your Senior year, attend Meet the Firms and interview for full-time positions during the Fall semester.

BENEFITS OF A MASTER’S DEGREE:

• USD’s Master of Science in Accountancy (MACC) or Master of Science in Taxation (MTAX) degree can be earned within one semester of your BACC degree at a reduced cost.
• The combined programs allow current USD undergraduate students to begin their graduate programs early while they are still completing their BACC.
• Students in the combined programs may receive up to 12 units to double count toward both the BACC undergraduate and MACC or MTAX graduate degrees. There is a tuition break when these courses are taken during the Fall or Spring semesters and can be included in the 12-18 undergraduate unit tuition structure.
• Eligible for graduate scholarships and graduate assistantships.

Every summer students travel to Paris, Milan and Rome to fulfill the international component of the MACC/MTAX programs. The summer program includes one week of classes at USD, followed by two weeks abroad including corporate visits to accounting firms and cultural stopovers.

TOP 10 EMPLOYERS FOR USD ACCOUNTING MAJORS:

Deloitte
EY
KPMG
PwC
CohnReznick
Frank, Rimerman+ Co.
Lindsay & Brownell
General Atomics
Qualcomm
Sempra Energy

IMPORTANT RESOURCES

Information for USD’s BAcc, MACC, MTAX programs at:
www.sandiego.edu/accountancy

Information for USD’s Undergraduate Student Advising at:
www.sandiego.edu/business/undergraduate/advising.php

Information for Accounting Society/Beta Alpha Psi at:
www.sandiego.edu/business/undergraduate/accountancy/associations.php

Information for USD’s Career Development Center at:
www.sandiego.edu/careers

Information on becoming a CPA in California at:
www.dca.ca.gov/cba

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