

# Accounting

According to the world's leading financial services recruiting company, accounting is the "ultimate business adventure."

With an accounting degree from San José State University, you will have the fundamental tools necessary to compete in a global economy. You'll be prepared for a career that offers challenging work assignments, a variety of travel opportunities, enormous advancement potential, continuous skills building, and of course, a good salary. You'll also have an awareness of moral and ethical considerations and incentives to grow and keep pace with ever-changing issues, conditions, forces and ideas.

Your degree will open doors to a variety of career options in an array of organizations around the world. Typically, our accounting graduates can choose from public accounting, corporate accounting, and government accounting/audit.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handout lists accountant and auditor among the fastest growing occupations between 2006 and 2016. The employment outlook is especially strong for those accountants and auditors with a college degree. Starting salaries reflect this demand. According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers' 2011 survey, accounting graduates enjoyed an average offer of \$50,500; Silicon Valley firms may offer salaries in the low to mid-\$50Ks, one of the top salary ranges for new college grads.

The Department of Accounting & Finance partners with the Accounting Advisory Council – twelve well-regarded public accounting firms, and the Beta Alpha Psi student club to sponsor career path panels, networking events, office tours, and social activities.

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This is a terrific time to begin pursuing a career in accounting. The opportunities are there. You are only limited by your imagination and your desire.

## Potential career paths:

- Accounting at a public accounting firm specializing in:
  - Audit
  - Tax
  - Consulting/advisory
- Accounting in an industrial sector specializing in:
  - Financial analyst
  - Management/cost accounting
  - Treasury
  - Controller
  - Chief financial officer (CFO)
- Tax accountant in private practice
- Not-for-profit accounting
- Governmental accounting
- Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

