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 and analyze financial transactions that 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 in accounting for those who choose to pursue a certified public accounting (CPA) license.

An accounting degree is portable, allowing you to easily relocate anywhere. With an accounting degree you can choose to work in many different fields from the corporate environment to the FBI, the IRS or to owning your own business.

UAF’s accounting program is the only accounting program in Alaska to be 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 student professional organizations offer students opportunities for career guidance, networking, internships and soft skill development as well as 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

JULIE GILHULY, BBA ACCOUNTING 2013

“SOM’s accounting program enhanced my life in multiple ways. The most important to me is that I was able to get an internship, then a full time job offer, from KPMG. The accounting program’s participation in Accounting Week helped me get my internship, and I am very thankful for all the networking opportunities the accounting program provides for students.

“I learned a lot in the classroom, but I learned a lot outside of class through GAAP and networking events. I learned how to network and improve my interview skills, both of which helped me to attain my internship.

“SOM’s accounting faculty are the strongest aspects of SOM accounting. The faculty are very knowledgeable in the subject matter and are always willing to help. They are there to offer advice and tell students about their own experiences, which I found to be helpful when deciding what I wanted for myself.”

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

• Internships, many lead to job offers
• Get involved in one of our student organizations:
  » Associated Students of Business (ASB)
  » Great Alaskan Accounting People (GAAP)
  » Native Alaskan Business Leaders (NABL)
  » Students Offering Leadership Development (SOLD)
  » Students Who Enjoy Economic Thinking (SWEET)
• Friendly and engaging faculty
• Examples of where our students are now:
  » Linda Thomas: Alaska Brewing
  » William O’Leary: Alaska Railroad
  » Michael Weaver: Usibeli Coal Mine
  » Charles Kozak: ASRC
  » Bethe Davis: Richards, Johnson & Granberry CPAs
• Only school in the State of Alaska with an AACSB accredited accounting program
• Our students have the highest CPA pass rates of any college or university in Alaska
• Our student CPA pass rate is higher than the national average
• Opportunities for active and experiential learning
• Undergrads: approximately 150

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Review the admission requirements at www.uaf.edu/admissions/.
2. Click the “apply now” link for directions on the application process or proceed directly to the online application for admission through UAOnline at http://uaonline.alaska.edu.
3. Once on UAOnline select “Apply for Admission or Check on Status of Application” and follow the directions on the screen.