

## Accounting

Accountants play an important role in every type of organization, large and small, profit and non-profit. Accountants often perform a range of activities from creating and analyzing balance sheets to evaluating a company's efficiency and profitability. Accountants often initially pursue one of two career paths: auditing or tax. Those in the auditing fieldwork with a team to perform audits for both publicly and privately held companies.

Those in the tax industry may be preparing tax forms for individuals, estates, trusts, corporations, and partnerships. A major aspect of accounting that has received a lot of attention in the past decade is understanding the compliance requirements enforced by the government. The use of accounting information systems has also become a vital part of the career in recent years.

### Typical careers for Accounting majors

- Public accounting
  - Audit
  - Tax
  - Consulting
  - Personal Financial Planning
- Government accounting
- Corporate accounting
  - Controller
  - Treasurer
  - Internal Audit
  - Chief Financial Officer
  - Tax

### Examples of companies that hire Accounting majors

- KPMG
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Deloitte
- Ernst & Young
- Grant Thornton
- Most companies have an accounting division