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B.B.A. in Accounting

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The Accounting Profession

Accounting is consistently listed among the top fields of opportunity in an increasingly challenging job market. Our program provides excellent classroom experiences and outside-of-class opportunities that give our graduates the very best preparation for success and a valuable edge in the job market. **Starting salaries are competitive and employers extend job offers and signing bonuses to some candidates well before they graduate.**

Accounting in today's global business environment offers stimulating and challenging work that is constantly evolving. **Our graduates are prepared** to work as team-orientated professionals with strong technical, leadership, interpersonal, and communication skills.

Curriculum

The structure of the educational experience in the accounting program is progressive. Students advance in their studies from an initial exposure to the foundational business courses, known as "the business core," as well as to the liberal arts, during the freshman and sophomore years. The business core includes courses in accounting, business law, economics, finance, management and organizational behavior, marketing, and quantitative analysis. During the junior and senior years, students focus more specifically on accounting coursework.

Upper-level accounting courses include:

- intermediate and advanced financial accounting;
- advanced managerial accounting;
- federal taxation and auditing; and
- financial statement analysis.

But that's just part of the story.

Outside of Class

<u>Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)</u>: Each year, SBU accounting students join forces with the Internal Revenue Service to provide free income tax preparation and e-filing for low and moderate income residents through our nationally recognized high-volume retail site. Since 2004, students have volunteered 17,000 service hours to complete over 3,500 tax returns, earning refunds totaling more than \$5.5 million for low-income workers.

McQuade Center for Accounting Excellence: As part of a \$2 million gift to the School of Business by Citibank CEO and Bonaventure alumnus Eugene McQuade and his wife Peggy, this program provides accounting majors with special activities and experiences geared toward stimulating their awareness of the importance of ethics in the accounting profession and also enhancing their career and professional readiness for the field.

<u>Internships</u>: All of the "Big Four" accounting firms (Deloitte & Touche, Ernst & Young, KPMG, and PricewaterhouseCoopers), as well as major banks and Fortune 500 companies, actively recruit on campus and employ our interns extensively.



Accounting 5-Year Program

The Accounting 5-Year Program is a full-time integrated program that begins during the junior and senior years of undergraduate studies. Students who successfully complete this program earn both a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) at the end of their fifth year. **Our program qualifies students to sit for the CPA Exam under New York State 150-hour requirements. Graduates have been very successful in this pursuit.**