Accounting, B.S.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
The Accounting program prepares students to enter private, public, or governmental accounting in a variety of fields including financial accounting, cost accounting, auditing, taxes, and financial analysis. The program begins with comprehensive coverage of generally accepted accounting principles as a basis of recording business transactions and preparing financial statements. Once this foundation is established, students develop critical thinking skills to analyze financial statements, control costs, prepare budgets, and make decisions based on accounting data.

AVAILABLE CONCENTRATIONS
The following concentrations are available for the Marketing, B.S. degree:
- Accounting, B.S., Entrepreneurship Concentration
- Accounting and Finance, B.S. (double major)
- Accounting and Management Information Systems, B.S. (double major)

LEARNING OUTCOMES
The Shields School of Business will graduate students who have the knowledge, skills, love of learning, confidence, drive, and ethical and moral values needed to be spiritually fulfilled in life and successful in professional careers. Upon completion of this program, students are able to:
- Demonstrate, in the Spirit of Saint Francis in the Marketplace, knowledge of the ethical value choices and responsibilities of businesses and business leaders.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the fundamental principles in business in the functional areas of accounting, information systems, finance, management, and marketing.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the legal, social, economic environments of business.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the global dimension of business.
- Integrate the functional areas of business in the process of decision making.
- Demonstrate the ability to professionally communicate.

FACULTY
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ACADEMIC FACILITIES
Our academic facilities include academic buildings centered around both lecture and project/lab-based learning, a library and learning commons, and various student support offices. The Shields School of Business is housed in the newly renovated Schwab Hall.

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Award: Bachelor of Science Degree
Estimated Completion Time: 4 years
Department: Business Administration
Department Chair: Dr. John S. Miko

Useful Links
Program Page: https://www.francis.edu/Accounting/
Catalog: www.catalog.francis.edu
Financial Aid: www.francis.edu/Financial-Aid
General Education: www.francis.edu/General-Education

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ACCREDITATION
Saint Francis University has received specialized accreditation for its business programs through the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE), located in Lenexa, Kansas.

This program is offered through the Shields School of Business
Web: francis.edu/School-of-Business
Phone: 814-472-3087
REQUiRED COURSES
Total Number of Credits: 128
General Education: 36 credits General Education curriculum requirements
Major Requirements: 75 credits
- ACCT 101: Financial Accounting (3 cr)
- ACCT 102: Managerial Accounting (3 cr)
- ACCT 201: Intermediate Accounting I (3 cr)
- ACCT 202: Intermediate Accounting II (3 cr)
- ACCT 303: Advanced Accounting I (3 cr)
- ACCT 305: Cost Accounting (3 cr)
- ACCT 403: Federal Income Taxes I (3 cr)
- ACCT 407: Auditing (3 cr)
- Three credits from the following:
  - BLAW 301: Legal Environment of Business (3 cr)
  - BLAW 302: CPA Law (3 cr)
  - BLAW 303: Sports Law (3 cr)
- Three credits from the following:
  - ACCT 310: Accounting Information Systems (3 cr)
  - ACCT 401: Accounting Applications Using EXCEL (3 cr)
  - CPSC 101: Introduction to Computer Systems (3 cr)
  - CPSC 110: Computer Programming with Business Applications (3 cr)
  - CPSC 121: Introduction to Programming (3 cr)
  - MIS 102: Management Information Systems (3 cr)
  - MIS 342: E-Commerce (3 cr)
  - MIS 350: Advanced EXCEL with Business Applications (3 cr)
- BUS 101: Wall Street 101: Business in a Global Society (3 cr)
- ECON 101: Principles of Economics I (3 cr)
- ECON 102: Principles of Economics II (3 cr)
- ENGL 208: Writing and Communicating in Business (3 cr)
- FIN 202: Finance (3 cr)
- MATH 111: Finite Mathematics (3 cr) or higher
- MGMT 101: Principles of Management (3 cr)
- MGMT 102: Production/Operations Management (3 cr)
- MGMT 410: Strategic Management (3 cr)
- MKTG 302: Marketing (3 cr)
- SPCH 103: Speech Fundamentals and Public Speaking (3 cr)
- STAT 301: Quantitative Business Analysis I (3 cr)
- STAT 302: Quantitative Business Analysis II (3 cr)
- Six credits from the following:
  - ACCT 210: Analysis and Interpretation of Financial Statements (3 cr)
  - ACCT 310: Accounting Information Systems (3 cr)
  - ACCT 398: Accounting Internship (3 cr)
  - ACCT 399: Accounting Internship (3 cr)
  - ACCT 311: Forensic Accounting and Fraud Examination (3 cr)
  - ACCT 401: Accounting Applications using EXCEL (3 cr)
  - ACCT 404: Federal Income Taxes II (3 cr)
  - ACCT 405: Municipal and Gov. Accounting (3 cr)
  - ACCT 409: Special Topics in Accounting (3 cr)
  - ACCT 410: Financial Acct and Reporting (CPA Review) (3 cr)
  - ACCT 501: Independent Study in Accounting (3 cr)

Free Electives: 17 credits — may be used to earn double majors or minors.

CERTIFICATION / CPA EXAM
Students wishing to qualify for the Certified Public Accountant certification should consult with his or her advisor and the website of the American Institute of CPA (AICPA) to determine the state-specific requirements for the certification and map out a plan to meet these requirements through their individual program of study.

TRANSFORMATIONAL EXPERIENCES
At SFU, the highest level of academic programming blends your curricular and co-curricular worlds into a holistic experience.

✦ Study Abroad: The Shields School of Business offers the international Spring Break in London course annually to undergraduate and graduate students. The group travels to London and gains unparalleled international business experiences. Students can also take advantage of the many study abroad opportunities the University offers including a full-semester immersion experience at the University’s facility in Ambialet, France or other experiences in Italy, Costa Rica, and many other locations.

✦ Internships: Business internships are an important way to apply classroom learning in a professional environment. SFU has established relationships with many businesses across several industries that offer students internship opportunities. These internships not only serve as an excellent professional development experience but many lead to full-time job offers.

✦ Student Research: Many business classes work hands-on with real-life business clients performing market research, business planning, and other consulting functions. As well, the Shields School of Business is home to the Knee Center for the Study of Occupational Regulation (CSOR), the nation’s only research facility devoted to the topic. Students will have the opportunity to participate in research that has been cited by the White House, Federal Trade Commission, and U.S. Senate.

✦ Leadership Experiences: We’re always looking for leaders and potential leaders that are motivated by both challenges and accomplishment. The Shields School of Business is home to several active business clubs and organizations that will allow you to explore and develop leadership skills in areas related to your business discipline.

✦ Community Service: Our students volunteer thousands of hours each year by participating in community service projects as individuals and as groups. Service to others is embedded in the culture of our University.

✦ Campus Ministry: Campus Ministry seeks to assist all students on their spiritual journey, helping them realize and become the person that God has created them to be.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
For full-time enrollment (12 or more credits), apply anytime after
August 15 of your senior year. In order to receive full
consideration, we recommend you apply by May 1 of your senior
year.
Application requirements:
1. Official high school transcript (and copy of senior class
   schedule) indicating successful completion of at least 16
   academic units of work (grades 9-12) earned: English (4
   units); Mathematics (Algebra I&II or Algebra I and Plane
   Geometry) (2 units); Social Studies (2 units); Science (1
   unit); Academic Electives (7 units)
2. Standardized test scores (SAT or ACT)
3. Writing sample
4. Letter of recommendation
Admissions deadline: Rolling
Office of Undergraduate Admissions
P.O. Box 600, Loretto, Pennsylvania 15940
Email: Admissions@francis.edu
Toll-free: 866-DIAL-SFU
Web: www.francis.edu/Admissions
Facebook: www.facebook.com/SaintFrancisUniversity

SPECIAL STUDY OPPORTUNITIES
At SFU, students are challenged to “Become that Someone.”
Within the Shields School of Business, our innovative Backpack to
Briefcase program provides development opportunities and
experiences for our incoming business students to become
business professionals! The program, based on the high-impact
practices in undergraduate business education augments
traditional business coursework with career development
experiences. Some of the transformational experiences are
embedded with the curriculum and some are optional allowing
students to design their own path to “Become that Someone.”
Some of the opportunities in the Backpack to Briefcase program
are listed below.

School of Business Co-Curricular Opportunities:
• National award-winning ENACTUS program which
typically places in the top 15% nationally of
approximately 400 competing universities
• Society for Economic Analysis and The Fed Challenge
Team - these organizations focusing on the economy
complete annually against top-tier universities
  including several ivy league schools
• The Investment Club manages a real investment
  portfolio of over $50,000
• The Francis Fund - a student-run micro-lending club
  which grants loans domestically and internationally

Business Professional Networking Opportunities:
• Executive-In-Residence program
• School of Business Student-Alumni Mentorship
  program
• Career Services hosts mock interviews, career fairs,
  resume review sessions, on-site interviews, and access
to national career and internship search software

Small Business and Academic Centers:
• SFU hosts one of Pennsylvania’s 18 Small Business
  Development Centers (SBDC) allowing students to
interact with real-life clients through client-based
counseling coursework or placements at the SBDC
  itself.
• Shields School of Business houses the Center for the
Study of Occupational Regulation which provides paid
research opportunities for business students.

International Travel Opportunities:
• Shields School of Business sponsors the Springtime in
London international excursion which focuses on
international business topics and will soon be piloting
another excursion trip to Asia in the near future.

Backpack to Briefcase Results:
• Over the past 5 years, over 98% of School of Business
  graduates have been gainfully employed or enrolled in
  graduate school within one year of graduation.
• Exit survey results indicate that over 99% of School of
  Business graduates feel prepared for their respective
  careers upon graduation.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
♦ Completion of program of study and repeated for an
acceptable passing grade any major required course in which
the grade of “F” has been received
♦ Successful completion of a minimum of 128 credit hours as follows:
  • 36 credit hours General Education curriculum
    requirements
  • 75 credit hours Major course requirements
  • 17 credit hours free electives
♦ Completion of the last 30 credits at SFU
♦ Cumulative G.P.A. of 2.00 or better in all courses taken at SFU
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  requirements
♦ Fulfillment of General Education: Ethical Citizenship for the
21st Century requirements
♦ Completion of the comprehensive exam (EXAM 401/402) in the
major
♦ Submission of a completed Application for Degree form at
  least one semester prior to graduation date.

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genetic characteristic or any protected classification. This policy applies to all programs and activities of the University, including, but not limited to, admission and employment practices, educational policies, scholarship and loan programs and athletic or other University sponsored programs. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the University’s non-discrimination policy: Jeffrey L.
Savino, Vice President for Finance and Administration, Raymond Hall, 814.472.3261 or jsavino@francis.edu.