Accounting

Accounting involves the examination, organization, management and design of accurate recording and reporting procedures of financial and business transactions. The study of accounting includes a focus on methods of compilation, verification, supervision, revision and examination, efficiency recording, designing and reporting of such practices for both individuals and businesses.

The employment outlook for accountants varies by source, from significantly better than average (US Bureau of Labor Statistics) to slower (Job Bank USA), depending on interpretation of such issues as overall economic growth levels and automation. Nevertheless, the overall number of positions available should remain extremely large—as all businesses need financial accounting services. Opportunities will be best for those accountants with the widest set of skills and abilities.

Some career possibilities for Accounting majors:

Account Executive (Advertising)  Credit Analyst/Manager  Mathematician
Accountant/Auditor            Economist            Meter Reader
Accounting Clerk             Educator             Payroll Clerk
Actuary                      Financial Analyst/Manager/Planner  Public Accountant
Advertising Manager          Fund-Raiser          Public Relations Specialist
Banker                       Insurance Agent        Purchasing Agent
Bank Branch Manager          Internal Auditor       Research Analyst
Bill Collector               Internal Revenue Agent  Securities Sales Agent
Bookkeeper                   Investment Banker      Statistician
Budget Analyst/Analyst       Interviewing/New Accounts Clerk  Tax Accountant
Compensation Manager         Management Accountant  Tax Preparer
Controller/Comptroller       Management Consultant  Treasurer
Cost Accountant/Estimator    Market Research Analyst Underwriter

Possible employers of Accounting majors:

Accounting Firms  Internal Revenue Service  Private Practices
Banks            Insurance Companies         Research Firms
Businesses & Industry  Law Firms          Social Service Agencies
Colleges / Universities  Local, State, Federal, &  Stock Brokerages
Consulting Firms  Tribal Government       Tax Firms
Federal Bureau of Investigation  Marketing Firms
Health Care Companies  Non-profit Organizations

Professional Organizations & Additional Information:

American Institute of CPAs
1211 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10036-8775
www.aicpa.org

National Society of Accountants
1010 North Fairfax Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
www.nsacct.org

Native American Finance Officers Association
P.O. Box 50637
Phoenix, AZ 85076-0637
http://nafoa.org

The Institute of Internal Auditors
247 Maitland Avenue
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
www.theiia.org

Institute of Management Accountants
10 Paragon Drive
Montvale, NJ 07645-1718
www.imanet.org

Information Systems Audit and Control Association
3701 Algonquin Road, Ste 1010
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
www.isaca.org

http://online.onetcenter.org
http://www.bls.gov/oco