UNIVERSITY of **HOUSTON**

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE of BUSINESS

BBA in Accounting

Nature of the Program:

Studies in Accountancy & Taxation prepare students for measuring and analyzing the income, costs, sources and uses of an organization's funds based on certain generally accepted principles. Such measurements and analyses are helpful to those directly responsible for making decisions regarding production, marketing and financial issues. A student graduating with a BBA in Accounting will have the ability to record, analyze, and interpret financial data and other information, identify and diagnose accounting problems, communicate financial results and other information in a clear and concise manner, recognize ethical and regulatory dilemmas, and demonstrate an understanding of accounting and financial concepts.

Career Outlook and Opportunities:

Careers in Accounting are available in corporate, non-profit and government organizations, as well as in the field of public accounting. UH Accounting Alumni have received offers as Internal & External Auditors, Tax Associates, Financial Analysts, Bookkeepers, Forensic Accountants, and are working in the oil and gas industry, health care, environmental research, retail, and other exciting industries. More information regarding job titles, salary information of Cougar Alumni as well as national salary information can be found at **Cougar Careers**. For assistance in career planning and development, please visit **University Career Services** and/or the Rockwell Career Center in the Bauer College of Business, www.bauer.uh.edu/career.

Coursework Examples:

Accounting majors take the same UH core, Pre-business, and advanced level business core as all other business majors. Required foundational advanced level business core include ACCT 3367 (Intermediate Accounting I), ACCT 3368 (Intermediate Accounting II), ACCT 3337 (Management Accounting), ACCT 3371 (Accounting Information Systems), ACCT 4331 (Federal Income Tax I – Individual), and ACCT 4335 (Auditing). Elective courses include subjects such as Financial Reporting Frameworks, Advanced Accounting, International Accounting, Financial Statement Analysis, Oil & Gas Accounting, Internal Auditing, and Government and Non-Profit Accounting.

Specialty Programs in Accounting:

A specialty program/track exists within the Accounting department: The Professional Program in Accounting.

The <u>Professional Program in Accountancy</u> (PPA) is designed to prepare students for successful careers in public accounting, as well as in industry, government and other areas of accounting that require CPA (Certified Public Accounting) credentials. In addition to receiving a bachelor's degree, students have the option of pursuing a master's degree in accounting (MSAccy). (NOTE: Participation in PPA at the bachelor's level does not guarantee acceptance into the graduate program.) By participating in both PPA and MSAccy, graduates will likely satisfy the requirements to take the CPA examination as

prescribed by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy. Other program benefits include colloquiums, paid internships, and access to MSAccy graduate-level work while pursuing a bachelor's degree.

There are three tracks within PPA: Financial Accounting and Reporting, Taxation, and Risk.

Related Student Organizations:

Business student organizations exist to provide professional development for students in this major and related specialty programs. To view a complete listing of UH Bauer College student organizations and how to join them, visit the <u>Business Student Activities website</u>.

Admission Requirements:

Students are not automatically admitted directly into the Accounting major. Instead, all students who 1) apply and are accepted to UH, 2) request business as their major of choice on their application, and 3) meet UH Bauer College admission requirements are admitted to UH as **Pre-business majors** and are considered members of the Bauer College. Current UH students may also become business majors after they begin at UH by meeting certain internal requirements and submitting an online request form.

For specific UH and Pre-business admissions requirements, visit the <u>UH Office of Admissions website</u> or <u>www.bauer.uh.edu/prospective</u>.

After becoming Pre-business, students then change their major to a specific area (Accounting, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Management, Marketing, Management Information Systems, or Supply Chain Management) before or during their junior year. Declaring a specific major area in business is called <u>"filing a degree plan"</u> and has specific UH GPA and course completion requirements.

Academic Advising

- Newly admitted business students and prospective business students (including current UH students wishing to become business majors): Visit <u>www.bauer.uh.edu/prospective</u> to view how to get advised for the first time.
- Currently enrolled pre-business and declared major students: Visit <u>www.bauer.uh.edu/bbaadvising</u> for walk-in schedules or appointments.

Helpful Quick Links:

Accounting Department Website: <u>http://www.bauer.uh.edu/undergraduate/accounting/</u> Business Degree Plan: <u>www.bauer.uh.edu/prospective/undergraduates</u>

For Additional Questions and Information:

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