Kent State University's College of Business Administration (COBA) offers a baccalaureate program, the Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) degree. Those who wish to sit for the Certified Public Accountant exam in the State of Ohio must complete 150 semester credit hours (only 120 hours are required for the B.B.A.). You can pursue a graduate business degree, specifically the Master of Science in Accounting, immediately following your undergraduate studies to specialize in assurance services or taxation and earn 150 credit hours needed to sit for the CPA exam.

THE ACCOUNTING MAJOR

• The Accounting major prepares you for a career as a professional accountant, with instruction in financial accounting, cost or managerial accounting, auditing, taxation and accounting systems.
• The curriculum is based in both theory and practice, encompassing the concepts, conventions, principles and theories essential to the professional competency expected of accounting graduates.
• As an Accounting major your coursework will focus on the development of professional accounting research, computer applications, ethical decision making and communication skills, both verbal and written.
• A well-established internship program will provide you with the opportunity for valuable work experience.
• Each year Meet the Accountants Night provides you with the opportunity to network with more than 40 corporations and organizations seeking interns and full time employees for regional, national and international positions.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

• Accounting graduates are in demand throughout the business world for positions in public accounting firms, corporations, government agencies and not-for-profit institutions.
• Career options for Accounting graduates abound including: accountants, tax professionals, appraisers, auditors, financial analysts, actuaries, budget, bank and loan officers, etc.
• Your degree will prepare you to take the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) and the Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) exams, along with other professional certifications.

RELATED EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

You are encouraged to join student organizations that provide opportunities for interaction with faculty, industry practitioners and peers. You will benefit by building connections for future employment, while developing organizational and leadership skills. Organizations recommended for Accounting majors include:

• Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) is the national scholastic and professional fraternity for accounting, MIS and finance majors.
• Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) is the worldwide association for accountants and financial professionals; open to accounting and finance majors and interested others.
• The College of Business Administration's Accounting Association is a student organization for accounting and finance majors and interested others.
• Delta Sigma Pi is the national scholastic and professional business fraternity for all business majors.

RELATED ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

To diversify your educational portfolio and become more marketable to employers you are encouraged to consider a minor, professional certificate or second major. Recent graduates have selected:

• Computer Information Systems
• Economics
• Entrepreneurship
• Finance
• Healthcare Systems Management
• International Business

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UNDERGRADUATE PROFILE

Average Class Size: 35 students
Accounting Graduates: 106 per year
Business Administration Graduates: 702 per year
Average Accounting Class GPA: 3.39
Based on Summer 2013 - Spring 2014 information

Average Starting Salary:
Accounting: $45,300 (annual)
Business Administration: $43,500 (annual)
Based on 2013 national data from Payscale

ACCREDITATION/RANKING

Accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB) for both business and accounting, fewer than one percent have both worldwide.

- Ranked as a top business college by U.S. News and World Report
- Ranked as one of the top three colleges in Ohio for professional sales education by the Sales Education Foundation

CAREER SERVICES OFFICE (CSO)

The College of Business Administration has its own Career Services Office that provides business preparation that will help you:

- Develop skills in the workplace before graduation.
- Gain experiences in professional settings that prepare you for your transition to the business world.
- Understand the level of performance and professional behavior expected by employers.
- Develop a network of professional contacts that will become invaluable upon graduation.

2014 CSO Fast Facts
- 541 Career Advising Appointments
- 716 Internships/Jobs Offered
- 303 Students Interning

Recruit at Kent State College of Business Administration:
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