



Bachelor of Science in **ACCOUNTING**

Earn an Accounting Degree Built for Working Adults, Backed by Purdue

Organizations in nearly every industry require employees, consultants, or independent practitioners with accounting knowledge and expertise. A bachelor's degree in accounting from Purdue Global equips you with the knowledge, technical skills, and experience to make your comeback in this rewarding field. You can customize your degree plan to gain specialized expertise in one of four accounting concentrations.



Why Study Accounting at Purdue Global?

Built for Working Adults

Complete courses online, without compromising your work or family schedule.

Backed by the Power of Purdue

Earn a degree you can be proud of — and employers will respect. Achieve more in the accounting field with a name that opens doors in your career.

Experience Counts as Credit

It's time to get the credit you deserve. Transfer up to 75% of your undergraduate degree requirements to graduate sooner and save on tuition. You can use prior academic, work, and military experience for credit.¹

Expert Faculty

Learn from accounting and education experts who are practicing professionals in the field. All faculty possess advanced academic degrees.

Practical Experience You Can Count On

Don't just go back to school — come back with the experience you need. Apply the theories and concepts you learn to real-world accounting practices in your final capstone project.

Personal Support

Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and seminars, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

Introductory Trial Period

Make sure online learning at Purdue Global is right for you. Enroll in the University and try our undergraduate classes for 3 weeks — before you owe any tuition. That's the Purdue Global Commitment.²



This program is accredited by the **Accrediting Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)**. For more information on Purdue University Global's ACBSP accreditation, visit www.acbsp.org.

Nationally Ranked and Respected
Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue University is ranked in the top 10 best public universities in the U.S. by *The Wall Street Journal/ Times Higher Education*.³

Take The Next Step in Your Education and Career

BUILD THE CORE SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES THAT EMPLOYERS DEMAND	PREPARE FOR CERTIFICATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Knowledge of economics, finance, management, law, information systems, quantitative methods, taxation, and the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)▪ Keen attention to detail▪ Strong aptitude for numbers and logical thinking▪ Good communication, teamwork, and decision-making skills▪ High standards of integrity, ethics, and confidentiality	<p>This degree puts you on the way to gaining industry credentials that are often needed for accounting jobs. The program contributes toward the education requirements to sit for certification exams⁴:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Certified Public Accountant (CPA)▪ Certified Management Accountant (CMA)▪ Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)▪ Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)▪ Certified Financial Planner™ certification⁵▪ Enrolled Agent (EA)

Concentrations

You can specialize in one of the following optional concentration areas:

Auditing-Forensic Accountancy

Detect, recognize, and prevent specific types of fraud. Combine your accounting skills with law and investigative techniques to judge whether an activity is illegal. Work with law enforcement or lawyers, potentially serving as an expert witness during trials.

Managerial Accountancy

Management accountants (also called cost, managerial, industrial, corporate, or private accountants) are responsible for financial report preparation, financial analyses, and cost accounting. Develop skills in strategic planning and budgeting, performance evaluation, and cost and asset management.

Curriculum

Our rigorous curriculum helps prepare you with knowledge of accounting theories and principles as they apply to the business world. The courses are reviewed and revised continually by our dedicated curriculum department and advisory board to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in the field.

Program Outcomes Include:

- **GAAP Application:** Apply the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles to business transactions and situations.
- **Financial Reports:** Analyze financial data and demonstrate the ability to make informed financial decisions.
- **Regulations:** Determine the impact of state and federal laws and regulations on business.
- **Taxation:** Categorize taxation of individuals and businesses.
- **Management Tools:** Formulate information for assets, liabilities, equities, revenues, and expenses of business entities.
- **Communication:** Compose communications required for accounting professionals.
- **Technology:** Use technology and software applications appropriate to the business environment.

Public Accountancy

Manage auditing, tax, and consulting for corporations, governments, nonprofit organizations, or individuals. Learn procedures to conduct comparisons in financial accounting and develop an understanding of cost accounting terminology and principles, cost classification, and manufacturing of inventories.

Tax Accountancy

Learn to apply tax laws related to partnerships, S-corporations, C-corporations, not-for-profit and other business entities, estates, trusts, and multijurisdictional issues. Focus on tax reporting, tax planning, and tax research skills.

Program Detail

Credit Hours: 180

Program Length: 2–4 years⁶ (With transfer credit and other prior experience, the average completion time for Purdue Global bachelor's degree graduates in 2021–2022 was 2.1 years.)

Course Load: 2 courses per term

Terms: 10 weeks long

Start Dates: Throughout the year

Delivery: 100% online, with optional local internship

Additional Programs

- Master of Science in Accounting
- Bachelor of Science in Finance
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Science in Management and Leadership

Career and Networking Opportunities

Industry Outlook⁷

- Employment of accountants and auditors is expected to grow as fast as average from 2022 to 2032.
- The demand for accountants and auditors will be fueled by globalization, a growing economy, and a complex tax and regulatory environment.
- Most employers require accountants and auditors to have a bachelor's degree.

Career Pathways and Outcomes⁸

Roles

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| ▪ Public, corporate, or cost accountant | ▪ Budget analyst |
| ▪ Management accountant | ▪ Credit analyst |
| ▪ Auditor or internal auditor | ▪ Tax examiner or collector |
| | ▪ Revenue agent |

Settings/Industries

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| ▪ Accounting firms | ▪ Large and small businesses |
| ▪ Corporate accounting or tax departments | ▪ Governmental agencies |
| ▪ Not-for-profit organizations | ▪ Public or private organizations |

Center for Career Advancement

Our Career Specialists connect accounting students with job and networking opportunities and offer the following assistance:

- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

Student Organizations and Honor Societies

- Delta Mu Delta Honor Society
- Business and Management Student Association



Purdue Global Is Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

The HLC (HLCCommission.org) is a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

Contact an Admissions Advisor at 844-PURDUE-G or visit PurdueGlobal.edu.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit Info.PurdueGlobal.edu.

- 1 Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit. See the University Catalog for the Prior Learning policy.
- 2 No financial obligation. Classes count toward a degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period (3 weeks for new qualifying undergraduate students), which begins day one of the first term. Students who choose to continue their studies at Purdue Global will need to meet specific requirements. Graduate programs not included. Additional terms may apply to international and non-U.S. citizen students. For further information, see the University Catalog.
- 3 Source: <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states>. Rankings apply to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.
- 4 To sit for the CPA Exam, states require students to have obtained 150 semester hours or 225 quarter credit hours. This program is 180 quarter credit hours (120 semester hours). To be eligible to sit for the CPA Exam, a student who has completed Purdue Global's Bachelor of Science in Accounting would need to complete the University's Master of Science in Accounting or its equivalent. Licensing requirements to sit for the CPA Exam vary from state to state. You should review your state's educational requirements by visiting Purdue Global's State Licensure and Certifications page. For additional information on licensure and state-specific requirements, you should refer to the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy website as well as your state's CPA licensing requirements, which can be found at the Accountancy Licensing Library.
- 5 Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards Inc. owns the certification marks CFP®, Certified Financial Planner™, and federally registered CFP (with flame design) in the U.S., which it awards to individuals who successfully complete CFP Board's initial and ongoing certification requirements.
- 6 The average completion time for Purdue Global online bachelor's degree students who graduated in the 2021–2022 academic year was 2.1 years. Source: Purdue Global Office of Reporting and Analysis, July 2022.
- 7 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Accountants and Auditors. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.
- 8 Purdue Global does not guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary by organization.