

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING

GAIN SPECIALIZED EXPERTISE TO ADVANCE YOUR ACCOUNTING CAREER

Organizations in nearly every industry require employees, consultants, or independent practitioners with accounting knowledge and expertise. A bachelor's degree in accounting from Purdue University Global will equip you with the knowledge, technical skills, and experience to advance your accounting career and pursue new opportunities. You can customize your degree plan to gain specialized expertise in one of four accounting concentrations.

WHY STUDY ACCOUNTING AT PURDUE GLOBAL?

ONLINE FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING ADULTS

Earn your degree 100% online, on your schedule. You can also visit one of our regional locations to take advantage of local, onsite support and services.

TRANSFER CREDITS

Our average bachelor's degree graduate with transfer credits saves an average of 45% in University tuition.¹

FACULTY EXPERTISE

Learn from practicing professionals with extensive experience in accounting and education. All professors possess advanced academic degrees.

HANDS-ON, PRACTICAL EDUCATION

Build your resume and put your knowledge into action through an optional industry internship. Or complete a final capstone project that lets you apply the theories and concepts you learn to real-world accounting practices.

ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING

Work directly with faculty during online discussion boards and faculty office hours, 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 classes for 3 weeks before you owe any tuition. That's the Purdue Global Commitment.²



Purdue Global's business programs are accredited by the **Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)**.

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

- 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

Prepare for Certification

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:

- 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.

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, multijurisdictional issues. Focus on tax reporting, tax planning, and tax research skills.

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.

PROGRAM DETAIL

Credit Hours: 180

Program Length: 2–4 years⁶

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
- 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 faster than average from 2016 to 2026.
- 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

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

Settings/Industries

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

CAREER SERVICES

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

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



Purdue Global is Accredited by The Higher Learning Commission

This accreditation covers all academic programs, all regional locations, and all programs provided via distance education. Contact the HLC at HLCcommission.org or call 800-621-7440.

Military Friendly

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

This accolade was awarded prior to the March 2018 purchase of Kaplan University by Purdue University and subsequent creation of Purdue University Global. Purdue Global cannot guarantee future accolades.



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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer and gainful employment information, visit Info.PurdueGlobal.edu.

- 1 Kaplan University online bachelor's degree students who graduated in 2017 and entered their program with eligible transfer credits saved an average of \$30,000 toward the total degree. Note: these data were reported prior to the March 2018 purchase of Kaplan University by Purdue University and subsequent creation of Purdue University Global. Campus tuition and transfer credit savings vary by location. Savings based on overall cost of completion without transfer credit. Calculation based on total transfer credit times cost per credit in student's program of study. Individual savings will vary. Calculation includes campus and military students. Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit. Future transfer credit savings are subject to review and the academic policies of Purdue Global. See University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment policy.
- 2 No financial obligation beyond the application fee. 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: www.timeshighereducation.com/rankings/united-states/2018. 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 elsewhere. The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams. This program was not designed to meet any specific state's requirements for licensure or certification, and Purdue Global makes no representations or warranties as to whether the degree or any individual courses meet such requirements. Refer to the University Catalog for additional information.
- 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 Purdue Global online bachelor's degree students who graduated in the 2017–2018 academic year and applied eligible external (transfer, experiential, or credit by exam) credits earned an average of 82 credits or 8 terms toward their total degree. This excludes undergraduate nursing students. Term estimates are based on completion of two 5- or 6-credit courses per term. Individual credits earned will vary. Please see the University Catalog for Purdue Global's Prior Learning Assessment policy. Source: Purdue Global Office of Records Analysis and Reporting.
- 7 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 cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization.