Department of Accounting

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Mission Statement
Consistent with the Mission of the College of Business Administration
and the University of Illinois at Chicago, the Department of Accounting is
committed to the production and delivery of quality educational programs,
discipline-based as well as interdisciplinary research, and service to the
community.

Educational Mission
Students majoring in Accounting learn how to integrate conceptual and
technical knowledge with practical application. The program prepares
students for careers in financial, managerial, governmental/nonprofit,
and international accounting, as well as auditing, information systems,
taxation, and business law. Graduates are prepared to sit for certification
examinations for the CPA, CMA, and similar certifications.

We deliver quality educational programs in accounting in the Chicago
metropolitan area. The curriculum is designed with the goal of ensuring
that the undergraduate students who major in accounting are well
prepared for professional careers and certification candidacy. Students
are encouraged to complete all degree requirements in a timely fashion
through a coordinated program of faculty and academic advising.
Internships are frequently used as an additional vehicle to prepare
students for the professional settings. The department provides advanced
programs of study through its graduate offerings including the MSA, joint
MSA/MBA, and Master of Business Administration with a specialization in
Accounting. Students may apply for the Guaranteed Admission to Master
of Science in Accounting (GAMSA) program which allows students who
meet criteria to be automatically accepted into the program, which will
provide them with the 150-academic-hour requirement of the Illinois CPA
examination.

Accreditation
The accounting department and its associated degree programs
are separately accredited (in addition to the College of Business
Administration accreditation) by AACSB International—The Association to
Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

BS in Accounting
Accounting is a system for identifying, measuring, and communicating to
interested parties, the aggregate effects of a sequence of transactions
engaged in by any entity over a specified period.

These entities include but are not limited to business firms, governmental
units, and nonprofit organizations. Users of financial information include
management, stockholders, and creditors. The scope of the accounting
discipline is broad and varied. There are several specific functional areas
within the field of accounting such as: financial accounting, managerial
accounting, governmental and nonprofit accounting, international
accounting, auditing, information systems, and taxation. The department
also offers courses in business law and ethical issues in accounting.

CPA Exam in Illinois
The UIC Bachelor of Science in Accounting program satisfies all the
educational course requirements for taking the CPA exam in Illinois. It
includes 30 hours of accounting, 24 hours of business, and the required
specific courses.

The only additional requirement needed is a total 150 hours of college
credit. For more information check http://www.ilboe.org/requirements/
domestic-and-foreign-evaluations.

Degree Program
• BS in Accounting (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/
  business-administration/actg/bs)