

# **BUSINESS PROGRAM**

# **ACCOUNTING & FINANCE**

ALVA J. CALDERWOOD SCHOOL OF ARTS & LETTERS

# DEPARTMENT FACULTY

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Accounting allows me to use my analytical and interpersonal skills in a way that is relevant to many businesses.

- Lilly Lenes '17



# DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION

The Department of Accounting and Finance at Grove City College provides students with both technical and theoretical skills needed to think ethically in their future careers in a wide range of industries and careers. Students are given the academic freedom to choose from a broad course selection that includes classes in financial accounting and reporting, managerial accounting, accounting information systems, auditing, taxation, forensic accounting, investments, financial modeling and capital markets. Upholding a longstanding tradition of academic excellence in accounting, Grove City College grads finished third in the state of Pennsylvania for medium-size school category. In addition, the College finished in the top 40 in the nation among all of the more than 1,200 colleges and university with accounting programs. Grove City College is also part of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) University Affiliate Program, meeting certain CFA standards and the ability to provide students with scholarship to study for the CFA exam.

# MAJORS

B.S. in Accounting

This 70 credit hour degree equips students with the critical thinking and analytical skills to excel in graduate and professional programs and secure competitive positions in business and accounting. Credit hours requirements include 30 accounting, 31 business core and 9 major electives.

B.S. in Accounting and Finance or

B.S. in Accounting and Business analysis The department offers students options of 150 credit hour double majors in accounting and finance or accounting and business analysis. The programs are designed, through accelerated study and winter/summer coursework, to be completed in four years. The programs provide students with the requisite credit hours to fulfill CPA licensing requirements. The addition of the finance degree offers not only accounting skills but an in-depth study of investment valuation, financial planning and more. In addition to accounting skills, the addition of the analysis degree provides students with the skills necessary to manage, understand and utilize large data sets with the analysis degree.

# SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL AREAS OF INTEREST

The Accounting Society is a student-run organization which sponsors events including exposing students to professional life of an accountant and current practices related to accounting and business via speakers and seminars. Crimson Collegiate Investors is a student-managed stock fund and forum for discussing all things related to investing.

#### **INTERNSHIPS**

There are a number of paid internship opportunities available to students, beginning the summer after their freshman year and may be taken for academic credit. Students have secured internships at: PWC, EY, Hershey, Schneider Downs, Wealth management firms, Sisterson, Excelon, Marathon and many more.

# CAREER AND GRADUATION OPPORTUNITIES

The department's degree programs prepare students for careers in public accounting, corporate accounting, corproate finance, invetsment management, financial planning and various business sectors. In 2021, 97% of our business graduates found employment or gained admittance into a graduate program within six months of graduation.

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Grove City College is a highly ranked, nationally recognized private liberal arts and sciences college that equips students to pursue their unique callings through an academically excellent and Christ-centered learning and living experience distinguished by a commitment to affordability and promotion of the Christian worldview, the foundations of a free society and the love of neighbor. Established in 1876, the College is a pioneer in independent private education and accepts no federal funds. It offers students degrees in 60 majors on a picturesque 180-acre campus north of Pittsburgh, Pa. Accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, Grove City College is routinely ranked as one of the country's top colleges by U.S. News & World Report, The Princeton Review and others based on academic quality and superior outcomes.

#### B.S. in Finance

Students who graduate with a degree in finance receive specialized instruction in corporate finance and investment management. Students are given flexibility to tailor course selections toward a specific career path completing 67 credit hours, which include 43 general buiness courses, 24 finance and major elective courses.

#### MINORS

Accounting

The 18-credit hour minor in accounting exposes students to various areas of accounting including financial and managerial topics, corporate financial reporting, accounting systems, and federal tax law.

#### Finance

The 18-credit hour minor in finance broadens learning beyond introductory finance topics to include investments and other advanced corporate finance topics.

