

**DEPARTMENT FACULTY**

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**DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION**

The Department of Accounting and Finance at Grove City College prepares students for a lifetime of careers in public accounting, corporate accounting, various financial fields, and the non-profit and government sectors. 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, government & non-profit and forensic accounting. Upholding a long-standing tradition of academic excellence in accounting, Grove City College grads finished ninth in the country in the medium-size school category with a 79.7% pass rate on the 2019 CPA Examination, nearly 30% above the national rate. In addition, the College finished in the top 35 in the nation among all of the more than 1,200 colleges and universities with accounting programs.

**MAJORS****Accounting**

The Bachelor of Science degree in accounting equips students with the critical thinking and analytical skills to excel in graduate and professional programs and secure competitive positions in business and accounting. Students complete 70 credit hours of course requirements along with the College core curriculum.

**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 such as corporate finance, financial institutions, investment management, or financial planning. (67 credit hours)

**Accounting and Finance (double major)**

The department offers students a 150 credit hour double major in accounting and finance. The program is designed, through accelerated study and intersession coursework, to be completed in four years. The program provides students with the requisite credit hours to fulfill CPA licensing requirements, as well as offering in-depth study of risk and insurance, investment valuation, financial planning and more.

**MINORS****Accounting**

The 18-credit hour minor in accounting exposes students to various areas of accounting including introductory 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.

**CONCENTRATION**

The concentration in forensic accounting offers students the opportunity to learn about the roles and responsibilities of a forensic accountant, fraud standards, different types of fraud, ethical considerations, internal controls, business valuation, breach of contract damages and more.

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

– Lilly Lenes '17

**SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL AREAS OF INTEREST**

The Accounting Society is a student-run organization which sponsors monthly events including professional meetings and social activities for accounting students.

**INTERNSHIPS**

There are a number of paid internship opportunities available to students in the summer before their senior year and may be taken for academic credit. Students may also find their own internship experience subject to the approval of the department internship coordinator.

**CAREER AND GRADUATION OPPORTUNITIES**

A majority of our graduates enter into careers in public accounting, while others pursue positions in corporate accounting and the non-profit sector. Our students have also gone on to law schools and graduate schools such as Duke University, Penn State University, Ohio State University, the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Arizona. In 2019, 98% of our business graduates found employment or gained admittance into a graduate program within six months of graduation.

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