

ACCOUNTING

Accounting students at RWU collect, analyze, and interpret financial information to contribute to decisions about strategy compliance and risk. They learn to hold companies accountable for accurate and truthful financial reporting. With an internship embedded in the curriculum, Accounting graduates from RWU are sought after by large and small accounting firms, public and private businesses, and non-profit organizations.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Learn and Do More at RWU

With a focus on experiential learning at RWU, Accounting majors:

- Participate in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, preparing actual tax returns with faculty supervision.
- Work with real data and industry-standard software and analytics programs. Students have multiple opportunities to conduct mock audits of real companies and learn how to gather data for a sample study using actual sources.
- Collaborate on research with faculty members who are experts in their fields. Students have co-authored papers on topics including the impact of diverse boards on Fortune 500 companies and the applications of forensic auditing.

- + Do you have a strong work ethic and enjoy working with numbers?
- + Do you want to analyze data to ensure companies are running efficiently and ethically?

CAREER OUTLOOK

RWU **Accounting** alumni are working in several areas:

- Forensic accounting
- Financial services
- Small business management
- Tax preparation
- Nonprofits & government agencies

100%

2021 GSB Accounting graduates were employed or in graduate school within 6 months of graduation.

WORKING FOR THE TOP 7 FIRMS

Over half of 2020 grads are working in the nation's top Accounting firms.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

“All the support I got at Roger was very individualized. One of my professors sat with me for over two hours tweaking my resume and going over interview questions, and after that I got job offers from two of the Big 4 firms.”

Sophia Johnston '21
Accounting major
Episode Tax Associate at Ernst & Young



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Get a Great Internship

Accounting major, you'll gain real-world experience through internship and volunteer opportunities like the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Students regularly serve internships at the "Big 4" accounting firms as well as small to medium size firms. In addition, many students choose to intern at a variety of business and other organizations, such as nonprofits and entities like the New York Office of Forensic Sciences. Internships regularly lead to job opportunities upon graduation.

CURRICULUM

During the first two years, students complete foundational courses in Accounting, as well as computer information systems and economics.

Financial Accounting teaches you how to gather and present data in financial reports. **Managerial Accounting** teaches you how to use data to create financial returns, product proposals, and cost-benefit analyses.

The third and fourth years thoroughly explore Accounting principles.

Intermediate Accounting I and II expand beyond the basics and cover how to finance a company, lease property, and work with pensions. **Advanced Accounting** and **Governmental and Not-for-Profit Accounting** focus on preparing reports for business consolidations and handling specific Accounting needs for non-profit organizations.

Will this prepare me to be a CPA?

Yes. While a CPA (Certified Public Accountant) is not required to work in private Accounting, graduates interested in working for the top public Accounting firms will need this license to be competitive in the marketplace. The Accounting program prepares you to pass the CPA exam upon graduation.

Business Core Curriculum

Through the Business Core Curriculum, you'll gain a strong foundation in all aspects of business, from the principles and theories of enterprise, to finance, economics, and management.

Earn your BA/BS and MBA in 5 years

Interested in getting an MBA? The accredited 4+1 Master of Business Administration program allows you to earn both the B.S. and MBA degrees in just 5 years. Some features of the program include strategic thinking, problem solving, data analytics, and leadership skills to thrive in a competitive business environment. A guaranteed internship and international study component provide practical, real-world experience that prepares you for a successful career anywhere in the global economy.

👉 [rwu.edu/go/MBA](https://www.rwu.edu/go/MBA)

OVER 80% OF RWU STUDENTS GRADUATE WITH MORE THAN JUST A SINGLE MAJOR

Design your experience with your passion and have a unique career advantage with a minor or double major. Many students combine **Accounting** with:

- Finance major
- Analytics minor
- Risk Management certificate



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