

# ACCOUNTING

Accounting students at RWU learn to collect, analyze and interpret a company's financial information to contribute to decisions about strategy and risk. Their work can be used to hold companies accountable for accurate and truthful financial reporting. With an internship embedded in the curriculum, accounting graduates from RWU regularly accept positions with 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 can:

- 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 such as: how to apply forensic auditing in small and large companies, and whether Fortune 500 companies are better positioned when they have greater representation of women and minorities on their boards of directors.

- + 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 a number of areas:

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

100%

2018 GSB accounting graduates are employed or in graduate school within 6 months of graduation.

## WORKING FOR THE TOP 7 FIRMS

Over half of 2019 grads are working in the nation's top accounting firms.



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Coming to a big accounting firm and already knowing how to work with people and navigate different software programs, those skills are crucial.

Rosalvens Saint Jean '18  
Tax staff, Ernst & Young's Boston headquarters



## Get a Great Internship

As an accounting major, you'll gain real-world experience through an 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 within 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 such as 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 perform cost-benefit analyses.

The third and fourth years dive deep into 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 how to handle specific accounting needs for non-profit organizations.

## Will this prepare me to be a CPA?

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 required 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](http://rwu.edu/go/MBA)

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

RWU students have paired **accounting** with:

- Finance
- Analytics minor
- Risk Management certificate

