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DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTANCY & TAXATION

How We Rank...

The Bauer College Department of Accountancy & Taxation consistently ranks first or second in Texas for the percentage of students who pass the CPA examination on their first attempt for institutions with more than thirty students taking the exam.

What is Accounting?

Accountants spend a lot of time “looking under the hoods” of businesses, tracking income and assets over time. In addition to preparing financial statements and recording business transactions, they participate in strategies for mergers and acquisitions, maintain quality management, and

develop and use information systems to track financial performance, tax strategy, and health care benefits management.

The B.B.A. in accountancy is a 123-hour degree. The Uniform CPA examination requires 150 semester hours, including thirty advanced hours in accounting. The department offers two options: the Professional Program in Accounting and the master of science in accountancy.

Careers in Accounting

Public accounting firms range from one-person operations to large multinational organizations employing thousands of professionals. Clients are usually individuals or other businesses for whom they provide audit and tax services.

International public accounting firms (the Big Four) that recruit Bauer College graduates include: Deloitte & Touche, Ernst & Young, KPMG, and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Regional and local public accounting firms that recruit Bauer College graduates include: PKF-Texas, BKD, Briggs & Veselka, and Mann, Frankfort, Stein & Lipp.

Corporations typically have an accounting group that prepares financial statements, tracks costs, handles tax issues, and works on international



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transactions. The accounting side offers tracks to audit manager, tax manager, cost accounting manager, and controller. On the finance side, careers include manager of financial planning and analysis and treasurer. Corporations that hire Bauer graduates include: Shell, ExxonMobil, Halliburton, Amerada Hess, Duke Energy, and Compass Bank.

Government accountants administer and formulate budgets, track costs, and analyze programs. The federal level offers the most opportunity, especially in the Department of Defense, the General Accounting Office, and the Internal Revenue Service.

Government bodies and not-for-profit organizations that recruit Bauer College graduates include: the



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Federal Bureau of Investigation, M.D. Anderson, municipal government entities, the Internal Revenue Service, and Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Exciting New Initiatives

The **Professional Program in Accounting (PPA)** offers students a B.B.A. and M.S. in accountancy. Students begin the program upon completion of their freshman and sophomore requirements (60 hours). This program creates CPA exam-ready graduates and offers opportunities to intern with Houston-area businesses.

Internships in accounting grow out of company-hosted recruiting events. Students have an opportunity to work for a public accounting firm, corporation, or governmental agency in the spring of their fourth or fifth year in the PPA.

The **Accounting Certificate in Energy** is part of Bauer's Global Energy Management Institute. This professional certificate program provides

mastery of the technical language unique to the energy industry.

Exceptional Faculty

The Accountancy & Taxation faculty received their Ph.D.s from leading universities across the nation. They have published in and served on the editorial boards of prestigious professional journals including: *Journal of Accounting Research*, *The Accounting Review*, *Journal of Accounting and Economics*, *Management Accounting Research*, *Contemporary Accounting Research*, and more.

Outstanding Alumni

Sam A. DiPiazza

Global CEO, PricewaterhouseCoopers

W. Carl Glaw Jr.

Partner, Bond, Snider, Glaw & Londergan, LLP

M.F. (Fran) Keeth

President and CEO, Shell Chemical LP

Gerald W. McElvy

General Auditor, Exxon Mobil Corporation

Charles McMahan

Retired Vice Chairman and Head of Corporate Development and Corporate Banking, Compass Bank

Elizabeth Rockwell

Retired Vice President, Oppenheimer and Company, Inc.

Joan Smith

Global Trading Auditor, Shell

John K. Stubblefield Jr.

Executive Vice President, Finance and Administration, SYSCO Corporation

Kathy Whitmire

Former Mayor, Houston (1982-1992)

Department of Accountancy & Taxation at a glance

Mean annual salary upon graduation: \$39,250

Faculty:

- 5 endowed chairs
- 19 full-time faculty
- Executive instructors

Programs:

- B.B.A. in accountancy
- P.P.A. (Professional Program in Accounting)
- Undergraduate minor in accounting
- M.S. in accountancy
- Graduate Accounting Certificate in Energy (ACE)
- Ph.D. in accountancy



Jean Shackelford

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Summa Cum Laude

Joined the firm of Weinstein, Spira and Company

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