



MAJOR MAP

WHO WE ARE

- Our accounting program prepares students for a variety of professional career paths in accounting.
- Graduates of the program will also meet the educational requirements of the CPA Exam in Tennessee.
- Obtaining the CPA licensure leads to more job and advancement opportunities as well as a greater earnings potential.
- Prepares students for various roles in the accounting and finance fields by providing them with a solid foundation in accounting principles, financial reporting, taxation, auditing, and business law.

CAREER OUTCOMES:

- Public Accountant
- Internal Auditor
- Tax Accountant
- Financial Analyst
- Financial Planner
- Budget Analyst
- Accounting Manager
- Forensic Accountant
- Government Accountant
- Corporate Accountant
- Controller
- Consultant

What skills will students learn throughout this program?

- Understand the fundamental attributes of accounting and components of financial statements.
- Gain knowledge of relevant accounting and auditing standards and business laws.
- Understand the principles underlying federal taxation of individuals and relevant tax code.
- Analyze quantitative data and make recommendations.



WHAT SKILLS ARE YOUR FUTURE EMPLOYERS LOOKING FOR?

- Technical Accounting Skills
- Analytical Skills
- Attention to Detail
- Ethical Standards
- Communication Skills
- Problem-Solving Skills
- Computer Skills
- Organizational Skills
- Teamwork
- Adaptability
- Professionalism



For more information, [click here](https://www.tnstate.edu/accounting/)
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Undergraduate Experiential Major Map: Accounting



First Year/Freshman

- Complete your Handshake Profile.
- Complete your four-year educational plan in UNIV 1000 during the fall semester.
- Focus on your studies and earn good grades.
- Visit the [Office of Student Success](#) (OSS) and connect with your advisor for help navigating college life and your classes. Make an appointment using the student planner app and view the OSS page for other hours and services.
- First Generation students connect with your [First Generation Specialist](#).
- Get to know professors. The best time to connect outside of class is during their office hours.
- Visit the [Academic Achievement and Retention Center](#) for access to study tips, connecting to academic coaches, tutoring, and other helpful resources.
- Attend the Career Fair (Sponsored by the [Career Development Center](#))
- Get involved - Attend organizational fairs, special/corporate events, departmental professional development workshops, and volunteer on and off campus.

Sophomore & Junior

- Meet with your departmental academic advisor to confirm degree progress and discuss your future academic and career goals.
- Update your resume and remove high school activities. Have it critiqued by the [Career Development Center](#).
- Review and update LinkedIn and Handshake profiles.
- Attend institutional and departmental internship/professional development workshops.
- Secure and complete an accounting internship.
- Attend the Career Fair (Sponsored by the [Career Development Center](#))
- Explore graduate school options and accounting certifications, such as CPA and CMA. Formulate a plan to meet the educational requirements of those certifications, such as the 150 credit hours for CPA.
- Begin preparing for GRE, LSAT, MCAT, GMAT, and other exams for graduate school admissions.
- Begin building your professional wardrobe.

Senior

- Meet with your [departmental academic advisor](#) to confirm degree progress and discuss your future academic and career goals.
- Apply for [Graduate and Professional School](#) or jobs that fit your interests, skills, and career goals. Follow up on applications and keep a record of the status of each.
**pay attention to due dates*
- Begin preparing for the certification exam of choice, such as the CPA Exam.
- Complete the Senior Exit Exam and First Destination Survey. ([Testing Center](#))

Academic Success Checklist

- Book an appointment with your academic advisor for pre-registration and advising.
- Discover library resources.
- Visit the math, reading, writing, and tutoring center.
- Complete FAFSA and academic scholarship applications.

Educational Planning Checklist

- Ask your academic advisor about High Impact Practices
- Participate in at least two High Impact Practices at TSU
- Join a student group.

Career Development Checklist

- Create your HandShake Profile.
- Visit [What Can I Do With This Major](#)
- Attend the career fair to expand your network.
- Attend Academic Department workshops and seminars.
- Visit the [Academic Pathways & Partnerships](#)

Think

Engaging in critical thinking and inquiry inside the classroom.

Work

Pursue experiences that will allow you to grow as a leader and professional.

Serve

Explore opportunities to contribute to the broader community and global marketplace.