



Accounting

Accounting is the language of business. Successful accountants are knowledgeable in their field, in information systems and business, are strong communicators, motivated and organized, and have the ability to think critically. The rewards of a career in accounting can be substantial for those who have the proper skills. The Stetson University accounting program focuses on helping students develop those skills. The accounting department, the M.E. Rinker Sr. Institute of Tax and Accountancy, offers an undergraduate major and minor in accounting as well as a Master of Accountancy (M.Acc.) degree.

A Distinctive Program

Of more than 12,000 business schools worldwide, the Stetson University School of Business Administration is one of 183 that hold Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (A.A.C.S.B.) accreditation in both accounting and business. Virtually 100 percent of M.Acc. graduates have secured a position, typically in public accounting, prior to completing their degree. The career development office and the accounting faculty are available to assist students in identifying suitable positions.

The educational experience has a high level of involvement, experiential learning, small classes and an orientation toward real-world applicability. Course requirements meet CPA exam requirements; the M.Acc. curriculum satisfies the 150 credit hours required by most states for CPA licensure. Stetson University accounting students have historically performed strongly on the CPA exam with pass rates significantly above the Florida, national and world-wide averages. Stetson University hosts recruiting visits from some of the Big 4 firms, strong regional CPA firms, corporations and government agencies. In addition, the transition from the undergraduate program to the M.Acc. program is seamless.

Fast Facts

Faculty: 9

Available for: Major, Minor, Graduate

Popular Second Majors

Finance | Business Systems Analysis

Program Options

- [Undergraduate Program](#)
- [Master of Accountancy](#)
- [Master of Accountancy \(Online\)](#)

» [Program Website](#)

This department prepares students for careers as accounting, financial or management professionals who can serve a variety of organizations, including public accounting and consulting firms, public and private corporations, government entities, and not-for-profit organizations.

Academics and Research

Facilities and Opportunities

The accounting department is housed in the Lynn Business Center. The M.Acc. program is offered at the DeLand campus or online.

A limited number of merit-based scholarships are available to accounting seniors and graduate students through the Stetson Business School Foundation, the university's endowment, the F.I.C.P.A. and the Florida Board of Accountancy.

Distinguished Faculty

In the past 17 years, members of the Rinker Institute's accounting faculty have been selected as School of Business Administration Professor of the Year four times, Teacher of the Year four times, Service Provider of the Year nine times and Researcher of the Year three times. One faculty member received the J.D./M.B.A. program's Golden Apple teaching award. Two have been named F.I.C.P.A. Educator of the Year. Seven accounting faculty members are CPAs and all but one have terminal degrees. Three faculty hold endowed chairs. Faculty include:

- [Michael Bitter](#), Ph.D., University of Mississippi; Rinker Distinguished Professor of Accounting, Chair of the M.E. Rinker, Sr. Institute of Tax and Accountancy, and Director of the Master of Accountancy Programs; CPA and CGMA; financial accounting/theory and auditing
- [Vincent Brenner](#), Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University; Senior Active David M. Beights Professor of Accounting; CPA; financial accounting and reporting, accounting education
- [Valrie Chambers](#), Ph.D., University of Houston; CPA; taxation
- [Richard Copeland](#), LL.M., University of Miami; J.D., University of Florida; business law, family enterprise, estate planning, estate taxation
- [Bonnie Holloway](#), M.B.A., Stetson University; CPA; financial and managerial accounting, business ethics
- Randy Kuhn, Ph.D., University of Central Florida; CPA; auditing, accounting information systems and financial accounting
- [Monica Mendoza](#), Ph.D., University of Florida; CPA; cost/managerial accounting, accounting information systems
- [Maria Rickling](#), Ph.D., Florida International University; financial accounting, corporate governance

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- [Judson Stryker](#), D.B.A., Mississippi State University; Eugene M. Lynn Chair; CPA; financial accounting, individual, estate/gift, corporate taxation, tax research

Undergraduate Awards and Honors

Undergraduate students can be inducted into Beta Alpha Psi, an international accounting honor society; membership is open to juniors and seniors with a grade point average of at least 3.0.

Courses and Curriculum

» View the [Stetson University Course Catalog](#) for more information on the curriculum and courses for this academic program.

Beyond the Classroom

Internships

Internships are highly recommended and many students complete one or more during their time at Stetson University. Internships may be part-time or full-time, paid or unpaid, and taken during the academic year or the summer. Academic credit can be earned for internships meeting certain requirements. Stetson students have interned with Big 4 and local accounting firms, corporations and governmental entities.

After Stetson

Diverse Careers

Accountants prepare tax returns, assemble or audit financial statements, develop accounting information systems, serve as financial, technological and tax advisors, and often leverage their expertise to secure executive positions. Graduates who complete 150 hours of coursework and qualify to take the CPA examination typically accept employment with a local, regional, national or international CPA firm, primarily in the audit/assurance area. Stetson University also has had students begin careers with other organizations such as the Internal Revenue Service, Verizon and Masco. The university's Rinker Institute enjoys a strong reputation for producing accounting graduates who have gone on to successful careers in public accounting, business, government and education. Virtually 100 percent of domestic M.Acc. graduates have secured a position, typically in public accounting, prior to completing their degree. The career development office and the accounting faculty are available to assist students in identifying suitable positions.

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