Business Administration, BS
Accounting Option

Which employers have hired MSU Billings Accounting graduates?

Wipfli	CHS, Inc.	Eide Bailly	
Stockman Bank	Montana Department of Revenue	First Interstate Bank	
Colleen Black and Co.	Wells Fargo	Billings Clinic	
Avitus Group	Anderson ZurMuehlin (Pinion)	City of Billings	

What are the average annual wages and potential lifetime earnings for professionals working in the Accounting field?

Occupation	Annual Mean Wage in MT*	Potential Lifetime Earnings*	
Accountants & Auditors	$72,820 - $77,620	$78,000 x 39 yrs = $3,042,000	
Budget Analysts	$48,870 - $75,420	$82,260 x 39 yrs = $3,208,140	
Financial Examiner	$77,670 - $84,610	$82,210 x 39 yrs = $3,206,190	
Financial & Investment Analysts	$85,270 - $93,570	$95,080 x 39 yrs = $3,708,120	
Tax Examiners & Revenue Agents	$60,830 - $70,290	$57,950 x 39 yrs = $2,260,050	

* Based on the state mean and national median wage of occupation per the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Lifetime earnings are based on the national median wage.

What percentage of Accounting graduates report having a job after graduating?

Out of the 61% of 2024 Accounting graduates that we received grad data on, **95% reported being employed* after graduation**.

* Employment includes employment in major, employment not in major, continuing education, and military service.

Employment opportunities with advanced degrees or experience:

- Financial Manager / Controller
- Senior Auditor
- Senior Tax Accountant
- Financial Consultant
- Accounting Instructor

Not sure if Accounting is for you?

1. Take an introductory class in the program, such as Principles of Financial Accounting. Keep mental notes or a journal to track what you like and dislike!

2. Get a part-time job in the field. Check out CareerLink by scanning the QR Code for the latest job openings!

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Overview of the Accounting program:

Accounting students learn how to budget and manage money for a business, ensure that a firm is spending money wisely by making sound investments, file taxes for a corporation, and ultimately understand how a business operates and sustains itself financially. Accountants examine, analyze, and interpret accounting records to prepare financial statements, give advice, or audit and evaluate statements prepared by others. They install or advise on systems of recording costs or other financial and budgetary data.

Accountants do the following: (1) prepare detailed reports on audit findings, (2) report to management about asset utilization and audit results, and recommend changes in operations and financial activities, and (3) collect and analyze data to detect deficient controls, fraud, or non-compliance with laws, regulations, and management policies.

What makes your program unique?

The MSU Billings accounting program prepares students to sit for and pass the Certified Public Accountant Examination (CPA Exam). Courses are taught by professors with accounting work experience, and students have the ability to work in the accounting field prior to graduation through internship opportunities.

What students like most about the Accounting program:

In addition to honing technical skills, students can improve their networking skills by participating in the accounting club.

Students like the flexibility of taking classes in various modes. The accounting courses can be completed in live classroom learning or through online classes. Some are also offered live remote through videoconferencing. This flexibility allows students to complete their degree wherever they are.

Students like the accounting program because it prepares them for a variety of jobs in business. Accounting is the language of business, so an accounting degree can open doors for many different business-related jobs.

The need for accountants has increased in recent years, resulting in excellent opportunities for graduates. Also, there are many accounting internship opportunities which often open doors to full-time employment upon graduation.

Program Webpage:

https://www.msubillings.edu/cob/accounting/index.htm

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