

SPRINGFIELD

COLLEGE



ACCOUNTING MAJOR MAP

“The intimate class sizes of the Accounting major at Springfield allow students to fully connect with professors who have experience in the field and know what tools students need in order to be successful in the future. It offers opportunities for students to gain experience with a variety of different accounting firms, including the Big 4 firms. The program has given me valuable connections and has made me feel more prepared to tackle the CPA exam and begin my career at a Big 4 firm.”

- Alexis Yoxall '24

What Will You Learn?

- Learn about the core functional areas of business and accounting
- Gain a solid foundation in the fundamentals of business, including management, finance, and marketing, and make informed decisions with the knowledge you acquire
- Develop a strong understanding of core accounting principles, including financial reporting, auditing, taxation, and managerial accounting
- Evaluate real-life business situations to understand the complexities and challenges corporations face, and gain business-related professional skills
- Develop essential business skills, including effective written and oral communication and personal branding techniques, and become a corporate citizen
- Embrace corporate citizenship by gaining skills in ethical decision-making, sustainability, and community engagement
- Gain a comprehensive understanding of the implications of business decisions on ethics, environment, and legal issues

Where Can You Go?

Public Accounting
 Corporate Accounting
 Government and Nonprofit Accounting
 Financial Planning and Analysis
 Internal Audit
 Entrepreneurship
 Education and Academia
 Information Technology and Systems

1st YEAR

2nd YEAR

3rd YEAR

4th YEAR

	1st YEAR	2nd YEAR	3rd YEAR	4th YEAR
Pursue Knowledge	Take your Springfield College Seminar (SCSM 100) in the fall. Take ENGL 113 College Writing I. Take ENGL 114 College Writing II. Take CISC 115 Microcomputer Applications. Take BUSM 150 Introduction to Business. Take BUSM 215 Principles of Management. Take a combination 30 credits of core, major requirement, or electives for the year.	Take BUSM 210 Principles of Accounting I. Take BUSM 211 Principles of Accounting II. Take ECON 205 Principles of Microeconomics Take BUSM 221 Principles of Marketing. Take BUSM 250 Business Communications. Take ECON 210 Principles of Macroeconomics. Take a combination 30 credits of core and major requirements, or electives courses for the year. Take a course in your Themed Exploration. Attend Wellness Passport events.	Take BUSM 310 Business Analytics. Take BUSM 361 Intermediate Accounting I. Take BUSM 362 Intermediate Accounting II. Take a combination of 30 credits of core and major requirements, or accounting selective courses for the year. Take courses in your Themed Exploration. Attend Wellness Passport events.	Take BUSM 478 Business Law. Take BUSM 492 Strategic Management. Take a combination of 30 credits of the remaining core, major requirement, or electives for the year. Take remaining courses in your Themed Exploration. Attend the remaining Wellness Passport events.
Gain Experience	Join the Business Club/Women in Business Club. Knowing another language is a valued asset in nearly all careers. Build language study into your academic and professional plan.	Become an executive board member of the Business Club/Women in Business Club. Organize Wellness Passport events. If you're interested in a semester abroad your junior year, start planning now with your advisor and International Center staff. Start planning for an internship with your advisor and Career Center staff if you are interested in doing it in your junior year.	Sign up for a credit-bearing internship. Continue to develop leadership skills through attending a regional or national conference or becoming an executive board member of your club/organization.	Sign up for a credit-bearing internship. Participate in a case competition. Present a paper at Scholars in Action Day, and/or at a regional or national conference in your area of study or activity.
Build Your Communities	Get involved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend club events hosted by other departments. • Engage in a service-focused activity through Humanics in Action or a team/club. • Expand your awareness on issues related to diversity, equity and inclusion through team/club activities or the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. 	Commit to deeper, consistent service and learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in a service project through the Center for Service and Leadership. • Attend a signature leadership program to start to define your leadership style. 	Build your network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with Career Professionals as a part of the Executive in Residence Program. • Attend Job Fairs. 	Mentor others <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentor the next generation of leaders in your clubs and organizations. • Attend a conference. • Explore new programs and events you haven't tried before. • Model connectedness and wellness for newer students.
Prepare for Life After College	Get involved to develop transferable skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend departmental and campus events to network and meet faculty, staff, and students. • Meet with a Career Counselor to explore careers and/or majors. • Utilize Career Center resources, including Handshake. 	Develop academic and career-related goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the Career Center to research fields of interest. • Have resumes and cover letters reviewed by the Career Center. • Now is the time to develop your academic and career goals with your advisor and a career counselor. 	Gain experiential education in your field <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend networking events and job fairs to learn about employment opportunities. • Plan an internship experience with your faculty internship coordinator and the Career Center. • Look at graduate school requirements to ensure you are on track. 	Apply for jobs or graduate school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare your applications for jobs and graduate school. • Ask professionals to serve as references. • Participate in mock interviews to strengthen skills and build confidence. • Speak with the International Center about opportunities in the U.S. and abroad.

The map offers suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone's abilities, experiences, and constraints are different. **You don't have to do it all.**