Potential Careers

NMU’s Accounting/Information Systems Program prepares students for employment in the following careers:

Occupations

- Accountant
- Appraiser
- Auditor
- Bank Manager
- Bank Officer
- Budget Analysis and Administration
- Bursar
- Computer Programmer
- Cost Analyst
- Financial Analysis
- Financial Institute Examiner
- Financial Manager
- Insurance Representatives
- Internal Revenue Service Agent
- Loan Officer
- Public Accountant
- Purchasing Agent
- Retail Manager
- Software Consultant
- Systems Analyst
- Tax Specialist

Additional Resources and Info

For Career Planning and Opportunities:
Academic & Career Advisement Center
3302.1 C.B. Hedgcock
906-227-2971
www.nmu.edu/acac

College of Business
301 Cohodas
906-227-2900
www.nmu.edu/business

For Job Search, Resume and Career Information:
Career Services
3302.3 C.B. Hedgcock
906-227-2800
www.nmu.edu/careers

For Information about NMU Student Organizations Associated with this Major Contact:
Center for Student Enrichment
1206 University Center
906-227-2439
www.nmu.edu/cse

Beta Alpha Psi (Accounting and Finance Club)
http://myweb.nmu.edu/~bap

Business Professionals of America (BPA)
www.bpa.org

Internet Resource Links:
www.careers.org
www.careerresource.net

For Career Information with National Organizations:
www.aaahq.org American Accounting Association
www.acm.org Association for Computing Machinery

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Skills and Competencies

Do you like to work with numbers, or figure out budgets? Are you a person who looks forward to tax season? Do you like to use computer-based data programs? Do you have good people skills? Would you like to be part of a profession that makes a difference? If you answered “yes” to these questions, then a career in Accounting/IS may be for you.

Accountants are trained to prepare, analyze and verify reports and taxes. They also monitor the information systems that furnish this data to managers in business, industrial, and governmental organizations. Both nationally and internationally, the demand for fiscal accountability continues to grow, creating an increasing demand for accountants. With the increasing prevalence of technology, one possessing knowledge of IS will be of great value to potential employers.

The list of career possibilities available to you as an Accounting/IS major is vast, and only depends on the competencies and skills you acquire through your academic coursework and extracurricular activities.

Course Work

This degree includes the following courses as part of the program requirements, and specific major requirements along with liberal studies and graduation requirements.

Business Core
ACT 230 Principles of Accounting I (4 cr.)
ACT 240 Principles of Accounting II (4 cr.)
FIN 351 Financial Management I (4 cr.)
MGT 221 Business Law I: Legal Environment of Bus. (4 cr.)
MGT 240 Organizational Behavior & Management (4 cr.)
MGT 325 Operations Management (4 cr.)
MKT 230 Introduction to Marketing (4 cr.)

Accounting
ACT 301 Financial Accounting I (4 cr.)
ACT 302 Financial Accounting II (4 cr.)
ACT 311 Cost Accounting (4 cr.)
ACT 321 Federal Income Taxation (4 cr.)
ACT 403 Accounting III (4 cr.)
ACT 441 Auditing (4 cr.)
ACT Electives (12 cr.) (ACT 431 required for CPA exam)
CIS 112 Microsoft Applications for Business Students (2 cr.)
CIS 212 Computer Assisted Problem Solving for Business (2 cr.)

Information Systems
CIS 100 Computer Concepts (2 cr.)
CIS 155 Software Development I (4 cr.)
CIS 226 Intro. To Networks and Security (4 cr.)
CIS 250 Systems Analysis and Design (4 cr.)
CIS 351 User Interface Design (4 cr.)
CIS 464 Database Management Systems (4 cr.)

Other Required Courses
EC 201, EC 202, MA 103/104/111/115/161, MA 171, PY 100L, and SO 101/113.

Detailed course descriptions can be found at www.nmu.edu/bulletin.

Career Development

You should begin the resume-building process as soon as you can. The Academic and Career Advisement Center can assist you with career planning, while Career Services will help you fine tune your resume and look for jobs related to your field. In the meantime, the more hands-on experience you have, the better the chances are that you will find a job. Becoming involved in a professional related internship is a way to develop your professional skills and gain experience. Your academic course work is important as well, so be sure to maintain a high grade point average.

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