Accounting is the language of business decision making and is a primary means of organizational communication. The accountant’s role has changed substantially over the past decade. Today, accountants are actively involved in the analysis and interpretation of financial data and work with other executives in decision-making and problem-solving activities.

The accounting concentration offered by Saint Louis University’s John Cook School of Business will help you develop strong technical and professional accounting skills, including communication, problem-solving and analytical skills.

Our graduates have a long history of success on the CPA exam. Many graduates have passed all parts of the CPA on their first attempt and have earned the Missouri gold medal on several occasions. A recent graduate ranked in the top 10 in the country of those achieving the CPA certification. In addition, SLU has been consistently ranked as having CPA pass rates that are well above the national average. In 2014, SLU graduates ranked 28th in the nation for pass rates of first-time candidates from medium-sized institutions.

Along with the undergraduate accounting program, which requires 120 credit hours to complete, the John Cook School of Business also offers an integrated undergraduate and graduate program. Students in this accelerated program complete 160 credit hours and receive both a B.S. in business in administration with a concentration in accounting and a Master of Accounting in five years.

Business majors may complete the accounting supporting area of study in addition to their chosen area of concentration.

In addition to fulfilling the requirements for the B.S. in business administration degree, the accounting concentration requires 18 credit hours of accounting coursework in addition to ACCT 2200 and ACCT 2220.

This core coursework includes:
+ ACCT 3110: Financial Reporting I
+ ACCT 3220: Cost Management
+ ACCT 4110: Financial Reporting II
+ ACCT 4250: Accounting Information Systems
+ ACCT 4300: Federal Income Tax I
+ ITM 2500: Spreadsheet and Database Productivity

Plus one course selected from the following:
+ ACCT 4160: International Financial Reporting Standards
+ ACCT 4400: Auditing
+ ACCT 4910: Accounting Internship

The supporting area in accounting requires 12 credit hours of upper-level courses — ACCT 3110: Financial Reporting I and any three of the following:
+ ACCT 3220: Cost Management
+ ACCT 4110: Financial Reporting II
+ ACCT 4160: International Financial Reporting Standards
+ ACCT 4250: Accounting Information Systems
+ ACCT 4300: Federal Income Tax I

The integrated accounting program requires 150 credit hours. Students in this program begin taking graduate courses during the second semester of their senior year.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Freshman: All applications are thoroughly and carefully reviewed. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary criterion in reviewing a freshman applicant’s file. College admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student's ability to meet the University’s academic requirements and to qualify the student for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be approaching graduation from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer: Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester hours (or 30 quarter hours) of college credit. Those having completed 24 hours or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). Transfer students must have a cumulative 2.7 GPA to be admitted to the accounting program. In reviewing a transfer applicant's file, the office of admission holistically examines the student’s academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

TRANSFER: Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester hours (or 30 quarter hours) of college credit. Those having completed 24 hours or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). Transfer students must have a cumulative 2.7 GPA to be admitted to the accounting program. In reviewing a transfer applicant's file, the office of admission holistically examines the student’s academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:
+ Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
+ Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.

WHY CHOOSE THIS PROGRAM?

+ In 2015, SLU candidates' CPA pass rate (60.2 percent) is well above the national average of 48.4 percent (Source: The 2015 NASBA report on the CPA Exam, University Edition).
+ In 2015, SLU first-time candidates’ pass rate (65.2 percent) is well above the corresponding national average of 52.3 percent (Source: The 2015 NASBA report on the CPA Exam, University Edition).
+ In 2015, SLU first-time candidates' CPA pass rate within one year of graduation is 76.1 percent (Source: The 2015 NASBA report on the CPA Exam, University Edition).
+ The Accounting Scholars Program is available to incoming freshmen whose high school scholastic achievement and admission test scores demonstrate superior academic potential. Accounting Scholars who complete the program requirements are guaranteed a seat in the integrated accounting program and given priority consideration for graduate level scholarships.
+ For students who pursue the Master of Accounting degree, Saint Louis University offers an integrated accounting program that bridges the undergraduate and graduate levels of study. Accounting Scholars in this program are permitted to take graduate-level coursework during their senior year and earn their bachelor's and master's degrees concurrently.

Our urban location provides many internship opportunities, which allow students to gain career-related work experience while applying classroom experiences to practice. Most are paid and students may earn academic credit. Supervised by both a representative from the organization and a faculty mentor, students have interned with entities such as public accounting firms, corporations, financial institutions and governmental agencies.

A chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, the national honor society for financial professionals, provides a link between students and the accounting profession, offering students opportunities to establish networking relationships with potential employers.

Possible career paths include:
+ Auditor
+ Budget analyst
+ Financial planner
+ IRS agent
+ FBI agent
+ Risk management consultant
+ Forensic accountant

In a survey of the most recent graduates, 100 percent reported they were satisfactorily occupied. Graduates join a global network of nearly 20,000 alumni from Saint Louis University’s John Cook School of Business.

OFFICE OF ADMISSION, ONE NORTH GRAND BLVD., ST. LOUIS, MO 63103
(800) SLU-FOR-U • (314) 977-2500 • admitme@slu.edu • www.slu.edu • beabilliken.com

Contact
John Cook School of Business
314-977-3995
barbeaud@slu.edu

Graduate Programs
+ Master of Accounting (M.A.C.C.)
+ Master of Business Administration (MBA), concentration in accounting

Revised March 2016