

Accounting A.A.S.

● CAREER DEGREE
 M MIDDLETOWN CAMPUS
 DL DISTANCE LEARNING

Accredited by:

The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)

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Program Description

The Associate in Applied Science degree program in Accounting prepares graduates to begin their careers assisting accountants as full-charge bookkeepers, junior accountants, accounting clerks or office managers in the private, public or government sectors.

Students take a sequence of accounting coursework including Financial Accounting, Managerial Accounting, Income Tax Procedures, Accounting with Microcomputer Applications and Accounting Practice. With computer software, students learn to use correct accounting procedures through the accounting cycle. Special Excel spreadsheet and QuickBooks projects are provided to enhance the understanding of real world applications.

The accounting assistant provides bookkeeping capabilities to a variety of employers through such responsibilities as accounts receivable/payable, payroll, balance sheets, and income statements, billing, and bank statement reconciliation.

This degree has been approved by ACBSP and SUNY NYS Education Department for online distance learning delivery. This does not mean that SUNY Orange offers every course in the program online; however, many are offered in this format. Please check the current credit course schedule for online DL virtual course listings offered each semester.

Program Outcomes

Students will:

- demonstrate knowledge of the accounting cycle, including preparation of financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).
- express business information effectively in both oral and written form.
- demonstrate the ability to effectively interface with an automated accounting system.
- create and edit Excel spreadsheets to solve various accounting problems.
- learn critical thinking skills through an analytical business report project.

Admission Criteria

Admission to this program requires that students be high school graduates or have highschool equivalency diplomas (HSEs). If students are home schooled, they may be eligible for admission.

Transfer Options

While the A.A.S. is a degree that prepares you for employment, SUNY Orange students have successfully transferred to:

- Franklin University
- Ramapo College
- SUNY Empire State College

Your Career Coach

Career opportunities in general accounting and bookkeeping exist in the following fields:

- service
- education
- travel
- entertainment
- manufacturing
- insurance
- industrial
- media/advertising

Accounting A.A.S. Gateway Courses:

- Gateway courses: BUS 161, BUS 103, ACC 153
- Key courses: BUS 161, BUS 203, ACC 205, ACC 211, ACC 220, ACC 214 (students must achieve a grade of C or better in this course to graduate from the program)
- Electives: One Social Science elective (strongly recommend ECO 201 or ECO 202), one Restricted SUNY elective

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Courses above have been recommended by the department to help introduce you to the program (Gateway courses) and guide you in selecting courses that will provide you with the best academic experience (Key courses and suggested Electives).

First Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
ENG 101	Freshman English 1 (G10A [w] & G11A)	P	3
MAT ____	MAT 102 or higher* (G1A)		3
BUS 161	Computer Applications for Business	P	3
ACC 153	Financial Accounting	P	4
BUS 103	Introduction to Business		3
	Total Semester Credits		16

Milestones

During this semester, students should:

- Become familiar with MySUNY Orange (Orange Connect, DegreeWorks, email, alerts, your Academic Information)

Second Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
ENG 102	Freshman English 2 (G7A & G12A)	P	3
_____	Restricted SUNY Elective**		3
_____	SUNY Natural Sciences (G2A)		3
BUS 101	Business Math	P	3
ACC 154	Managerial Accounting	P	4
	Total Semester Credits		16

Milestones

During this semester, students should:

- Seek Academic Support Services/Tutoring
- Join the Business Club

Third Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
_____	Any Social Science Elective		3
BUS 209	Diversity in Business (G6A)		3
BUS 201	Business Law 1		3
ACC 211	Federal Income Tax Procedures	C	3
BUS 105	Business and Contemporary Economics Issues (G3A)		3
	Total Semester Credits		15

Milestones

During this semester, students should:

- Explore employment and internship opportunities
- Attend a job fair or employment event

Fourth Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
BUS 203	Business Communications (G10A [o] & G11A)		3
BUS 202	Business Law 2		3
ACC 205	Accounting w/ Spreadsheet Applications	P	3
ACC 214	Accounting Practice	P	4
Either	Personal Finance	P	
ACC 111			
Or	Accounting Internship***	P, P/C	3
ACC 220			
	Total Semester Credits		16

Milestones

During this semester, students should:

- Audit your degree using Degree Works
- Apply for Graduation

TOTAL DEGREE CREDITS: 63

Notes:

*Excludes MAT 111

**Select one from four different SUNY lists: G3A (SUNY Social Sciences), G4A (SUNY US History & Gov), G5A (SUNY World History) or G6A (SUNY Diversity)

***Students need approval of the Chair to register for this course and at least 2.5 CQPA