

ACCOUNTING MAJOR, BBA

Campus: NYC, Westchester

- Accounting Major, BBA - Open Elective Option (<http://catalog.pace.edu/undergraduate/schools/lubin-school-business/degree-programs/accounting/accounting-major-bba/accounting-major-bba-open-elective-option/>)

The Accounting major provides students with a broad-based course of study in accounting and an opportunity to concentrate in either forensic accounting or internal auditing, which are two areas of accounting that are in high demand. Upon successful completion of either concentration, students will have the educational background required to seek professional certifications such as Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), Certified Management Accountant (CMA) or Certified Internal Auditor (CIA). Students may also choose instead to customize their program of study by selecting additional course work in areas such as taxation, law, finance, information systems and management or other fields of interest to them.

BBA Accounting majors

A Note on CPA Exam Requirements

Students who plan to take the CPA exam should be aware of the specific educational requirements for the state in which they intend to sit for the exam. Visit the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy website (NASBA) for specific requirements in each state. The state of New York currently requires 120 hours of college level education and at least one course covering each of the following (see website NASBA/NYS):

- Financial accounting, at the upper division and beyond introductory level
- Cost or management accounting
- Taxation
- Audit and attestation, at the upper division

The courses required for BBA Accounting program with appropriate elective courses in auditing (ACC 461), taxation, and business law will satisfy the requirements to take the CPA exam in New York.

The CPA licensure however requires a total of 150 hours (33 in accounting) of education, in addition to passing the exam and gaining practice experiences. The requirements for BBA Accounting program do not satisfy all requirement for CPA licensure. Students can earn additional credits by joining one of the graduate programs at Pace (e.g., MS Accounting, MBA Accounting, or MS Accounting Data Analytics and Technologies) to satisfy CPA licensure requirement in education.

Students who are interested in completing all 150 credits of CPA licensure requirements in one step can consider the following programs:

- BBA Public Accounting (<http://catalog.pace.edu/undergraduate/schools/lubin-school-business/degree-programs/accounting/public-accounting-major-bba/>)
- Combined BBA/MBA Public Accounting (<http://catalog.pace.edu/undergraduate/schools/lubin-school-business/degree-programs/accounting/combined-bba-mba-bba-ms-degree-programs-cpa-qualifying/combined-bba-mba-program-public-accounting/>)
- Combined BBA Public Accounting/MS Financial Management (<http://catalog.pace.edu/undergraduate/schools/lubin-school-business/degree-programs/accounting/combined-bba-mba-bba-ms-degree-programs-cpa-qualifying/combined-bba-public-accounting-ms-financial-management-program/>)
- BBA Public Accounting/MS Taxation (<http://catalog.pace.edu/undergraduate/schools/lubin-school-business/degree-programs/accounting/combined-bba-mba-bba-ms-degree-programs-cpa-qualifying/combined-bba-public-accounting-ms-taxation-program/>)