ACCOUNTING, CERTIFICATE

A Certificate in Accounting permits students interested in a career as a Certified Public Accountant who have a non-accounting bachelor's degree or are currently enrolled in a non-accounting bachelor degree program, to pursue a program of study that will prepare them for the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination. Students are required to have 150 hours of college credit to receive CPA certification and licensure in the state of Pennsylvania. All candidates completing this program are eligible to sit for the Uniformed Certified Public Accountant Examination.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Communication (UO 1): Students completing the minor will demonstrate competency in oral and written communication skills. Students will deliver an effective oral presentation on a business and/or professional topic.

Critical Thinking and Problem Solving (UO 2): Students completing the minor will demonstrate effective critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Students will apply critical thinking skills using quantitative techniques for problem solving and strategic decision making.

Ethics (UO 8): Students completing the minor will have acquired the necessary skills and knowledge to meet professional competencies as business professionals and global citizens. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the history and vocabulary unique to business disciplines.

Information Technology (UO 10): Students will demonstrate proficiency in the use of computers and software to manage information with statistical analysis, spreadsheet, database and other appropriate applications.

Professional Proficiency (UO 4): Students completing the minor will have acquired the necessary skills and knowledge to meet professional competencies as business professionals and global citizens. Students will demonstrate a knowledge of procedures, concepts, and technical accounting business skills through practical application (budgeting, financial statement analysis).

PROGRAM REQUIREMENT

The Certificate in Accounting will be awarded upon successful completion of approved coursework with a 2.0 GPA for all courses taken at SRU. Students must complete a minimum of 30 hours of coursework at SRU.

CPA exam candidates will design a program of study to include the following courses.

To access Certificate Requirements, please view the Curriculum Guide tab.

RELATED LINKS

Accounting, Certificate Program Page (https://www.sru.edu/academics/certificates/accounting-certificate/)

Professional Licensure/Certification Page (https://www.sru.edu/students/student-consumer-information/professional-licensures/)

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GPA Requirement

Overall GPA: 2.0 or higher

This certificate permits students interested in a career as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) who have a non-accounting bachelor's degree or are currently enrolled in a non-accounting bachelor's degree program to pursue a program of study that will prepare them for the uniform CPA exam.

Certificate Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Related Business Courses		
Required Accounting Courses		
Select 10 Courses from the courses listed below:		30
ACCT 209	Financial Accounting	
ACCT 230	Accounting Information Systems	
ACCT 308	Federal Individual Income Tax	
ACCT 310	Cost Accounting	
ACCT 313	Intermediate Accounting I	
ACCT 314	Intermediate Accounting II	
ACCT 320	Forensic Accounting	
ACCT 324	Budgeting, Performance Management, and Cost Analysis	
ACCT 340	Legal Environment of Business	
ACCT 345	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)	
ACCT 411	Auditing Theory and Practice	
ACCT 413	Advanced Accounting	
ACCT 422	Accounting Fraud	
ACCT 429	Accounting Data Analytics	
ACCT 430	Internal Auditing	
ACCT 450	Internship	
Total Hours		**30**

* Some courses may require pre-requisites. Please see course descriptions to determine if there are any pre-requisites for that specific course.

Additional Certificate Requirement

Students must complete at least 12 credit hours from SRU

Important Curriculum Guide Notes

This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should note that the My Rock Audit may place already-earned and/or in progress courses in different, yet valid, curriculum categories. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisers to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. *The information on this guide is current as of the date listed. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University.*

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