



ACCOUNTING

Accountants are idea and solutions people. Their work is varied, dynamic and challenging — your classes will be the same. We provide outstanding teaching in an active learning environment that challenges our students to be ethical, think critically, communicate effectively, and embrace new technologies and “big data.”

Our undergraduate and graduate programs are designed to work together to prepare students to satisfy professional certification requirements and meet the challenges faced by today’s accounting professionals. Most students pursue Certified Public Accountant (CPA) certification, while others seek Certified Management Accountant (CMA) certification.

School of Accountancy graduates hold positions in big international and large regional accounting firms, small local firms, industry, banking, government, healthcare, and non-profit organizations. No matter the direction you wish to take, accounting is a sound place to start.



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HIGHLIGHTS

- **Accredited Degree Programs** Our programs enjoy a reputation for excellence, rigor and relevance. In addition to the Association for the Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB) Business Accreditation, the accounting degree programs have held AACSB International Accounting Accreditation since 1989. AACSB International is the premier accrediting agency for management and accounting education.
- **Accounting Analytics in the Classroom** The business world is rapidly changing, requiring firms to harness the power of “Big Data.” We have embraced these changes and listened to our employers to understand what new skills will now be required of our accounting graduates. Accordingly, we are introducing a new required course, “Analytics for Accounting Decision-Making.” The course teaches students to understand and analyze accounting data to identify issues, answer pertinent questions, and clearly communicate results. The combination of this course and the integration of analytics projects throughout the accounting curriculum will produce students who are ready to take on new digital challenges.
- **Endorsed Program** The undergraduate program is endorsed by the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA), recognizing the high educational standards that enable Clemson students to pursue and earn the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) credential.
- **Active Student Organizations** Clemson’s Zeta Rho Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) Chapter meets eight to nine times each semester and promotes scholastic and professional excellence. Selected members attend the national and regional meetings each year. The IMA Clemson University Student Chapter meets three to four times each semester, and is closely affiliated with the IMA Greenville, SC Chapter. Selected members attend the Annual IMA Student Leadership Conference each fall.
- **Faculty Who Excel** Our faculty are excellent teachers – three have received Clemson University’s Alumni Master Teacher Award. The school’s research ranking, per the nationally recognized Brigham Young University’s ranking system of universities worldwide, has improved from #275 in 2011 to #55 in 2018. The school ranks #11 for managerial accounting research and within the top 50 universities for research in auditing and accounting information systems. Several faculty are prominent in their field and have won national awards, held office in the American Accounting Association, and serve in editorial roles.
- **Exceptional Student Performance** The master’s program graduation rate exceeds 95% and our students have an average 80% pass rate on each section of the CPA exam by graduation. Job placement for domestic students has exceeded 85% by their graduation date. The master’s program has had six Elijah Watt Sells Award winners in the last four years.
- **Well-designed Study Abroad Programs** The school currently has three primary study abroad offerings, all designed to fit the curricular needs of accounting students. All offerings are five-and-a-half week summer classes, partially in Clemson and partially in Europe. One undergraduate and one graduate program take students to Magdalen College, Oxford, England; while the third takes students to Rome. All programs are staffed by Clemson faculty teaching Clemson courses.

