Program Overview

Business and Social Sciences Division
Room T302, (847) 543-2047

ACCOUNTING
(ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE)
PLAN 22AA

Accounting programs prepare students to compile and analyze business records and prepare financial reports such as income statements, balance sheets, costs studies, tax returns, and performance reports.

To complete an A.A.S., students must meet General Requirements detailed in the CLC catalog at www.clcillinois.edu/catalog (select Career Programs).

First Semester (Fall) .......................... 14-17
ACC 110 Accounting in Business (Track 1) or
* ACC 121 Financial Accounting (Track 1) .... 3-4
BUS 121 Introduction to Business ............. 3
* CIT 120 Introduction to Computers or
CIT 119 Introduction to Office Software .... 3
ENG 121 English Composition I ....... 3-4
MTH 122 College Algebra or
MTH 127 Finite Mathematics I or
MTH 222 Business Statistics or
MTH 224 Calculus for Business and Social Science or
AOS 122 Business Mathematics or

Second Semester (Spring) .................... 16
* ACC 121 Financial Accounting (Track 2) or
* ACC 122 Managerial Accounting (Track 1) .... 4
BUS 221 Business Law I .................. 3
CIT 111 Comprehensive Spreadsheets .... 3
ENG 126 Advanced Composition: Scientific and Technical Communications or
AOS 111 Business Communication .... 3
* Humanities or Fine Arts Elective ....... 3
(HUM 127 or PHI 122 recommended)

Summer Session ................................ 4
* ACC 122 Managerial Accounting (Track 2) .... 4

Third Semester (Fall) ......................... 14-17
ACC 221 Intermediate Accounting I ....... 4
ACC 212 Federal Tax Accounting I ....... 3
ECO 221 Principles of Macroeconomics and
+ ECO 222 Principles of Microeconomics or
+ ECO 110 Economics for Business and Industry .............. 3-6
+ Elective (select from list) ................. 3-6

Fourth Semester (Spring) .................... 14
ACC 222 Intermediate Accounting II .......... 4
ACC 214 Cost Accounting .................... 3
+ Elective (select from list) ................. 3
CMM 121 Fundamentals of Speech or
CMM 128 Interviewing Practices or
CMM 111 Communication Skills ............. 3

Total Hours for AAS Degree ............... 60-66

+ Students taking ECO 221 and ECO 222 are required to complete only five hours of business electives.

Electives
Select eight hours from the list below:
ACC 116 Payroll Accounting ................ 2
ACC 171 Introduction to QuickBooks .... 2
ACC 172 Capstone Experience ............. 1
ACC 213 Federal Taxation of Entities .... 3
ACC 270 Advanced Accounting ............ 4
ACC 271 Auditing .......................... 3
AOS Electives ................................ 1-4
BUS Electives ................................ 1-6
CIT Electives ................................ 1-7
EWE 120 Job Readiness Skills ............ 1
EWE 220 Cooperative Work Experience I ...... 1-2
MTH 122 College Algebra or
MTH 127 Finite Mathematics I or
MTH 222 Elementary Statistics or
MTH 224 Calculus for Business and Social Science .... 3-4
PSY 121 Introduction to Psychology or
PSY 122 Industrial/Organizational Psychology .................. 3

* Preferred courses for students planning to transfer to a 4 year institution.

1 There are prerequisites for MTH 122. If you do not meet those prerequisites, begin taking those classes this semester – use summer for the additional math class if needed. Certain courses are only offered certain semesters. Please check the course scheduling guide listed on the web.

2 If needed, students should consider taking ACC 110 in the Summer Session before taking ACC 121.

Typical Jobs
• Accountant
• Accounting Clerk
• Accounting Manager
• Bookkeeper
• Business Analyst
• Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
• Cost Accountant
• Financial Analyst
• Financial Examiner
• Forensic Accountant
• Staff Accountant
• Treasurer

Salary and Job Outlook

For the latest information, visit www.mynextmove.org or the Bureau of Labor Statistics online at www.bls.gov. Gainful employment data is available at www.clcillinois.edu/gainfulemployment.

Most Popular Transfer Schools
• DePaul University
• Northeastern Illinois University
• Northern Illinois University
• Roosevelt University
• University of Illinois at Chicago
• University of Wisconsin-Parkside
• Western Illinois University

Getting Started

Attend an Information Session
Faculty present valuable academic and career information in their area of expertise. For our current schedule on information sessions, please go to www.clcillinois.edu/busdv/infosessions.

Visit www.clcillinois.edu/admission for steps on how to register.
Certificate Programs

ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN
(CERTIFICATE) PLAN 22AI
This program prepares individuals for positions as accounting or financial services support personnel. Accounting positions require excellent mathematical aptitude, computer skills, good communication skills, and basic accounting knowledge. Most positions require software application skills.

ACC 110 Accounting in Business ....................... 2
ACC 121 Financial Accounting .......................... 4
ACC 171 Introduction to Quickbooks ................. 2
ACC 172 Capstone Experience - Accounting Clerk Certificate ............................................. 1
AOS 111 Business Communication ................... 3
AOS 122 Business Mathematics ...................... 3
BUS 121 Introduction to Business ..................... 3
CIT 111 Comprehensive Spreadsheets ............... 3
CIT 119 Introduction to Office Software ............. 3

Total Hours for Certificate .................................. 24

PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING CERTIFICATE
(CERTIFICATE) PLAN 22AB
This certificate is designed for individuals who have earned a bachelor’s degree, in any field, and would like to continue their education to qualify as an accountant and/or to sit for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam.

Required Accounting Coursework .................... 30
ACC 121 Financial Accounting .......................... 4
ACC 122 Managerial Accounting ...................... 4
ACC 212 Federal Tax Accounting I .................... 3
ACC 213 Federal Tax Accounting II ................... 3
ACC 221 Intermediate Accounting I ................... 4
ACC 222 Intermediate Accounting II .................. 4
ACC 271 Auditing .......................................... 3
ACC 251 Financial Accounting Research ............ 1
ACC 252 Research Topics in Taxation ............... 1
ACC Electives ............................................. 3

Required Business Coursework ....................... 9
BUS 132 Business Ethics ............................... 3
BUS 221 Business Law I ................................ 3
BUS 237 Managerial Communication ............... 3

Accounting Electives
Select 3 hours of electives from the following courses:
ACC 214 Cost Accounting ............................... 3
ACC 270 Advanced Accounting ....................... 4

Total Hours for Certificate ............................... 39

The accounting electives, Cost Accounting and Advanced Accounting, are strongly recommended for students preparing to sit for the CPA exam.

Students transferring in the equivalent of ACC 121 and/or ACC 122, for less than eight hours, will need to take additional Accounting electives to meet the required 30 hours in accounting courses.

For students preparing to sit for the CPA exam, the following additional courses are recommended to meet the 24 hour requirement in Business - BUS 111, BUS 121, BUS 222, BUS 223, ECO 221, ECO 222.

Complete CPA Requirements at CLC
To qualify to take the CPA exam in Illinois, a candidate must have:
1. A bachelor’s degree, in any field;
2. 150 semester hours of college credit;
3. 30 semester hours of Accounting credit (included in 150 above), to include courses in Financial, Managerial, Taxation, Auditing and 2 semester hours of Research and Analysis in Accounting; and
4. 24 semester hours in Business, to include Business Ethics (BUS 132) and Managerial Communication (BUS 237). Please note that although BUS 237 is a 3 credit course, only 2 hours of BUS 237 will count toward the 24 semester Business credit requirement.

Additional information and requirements for the CPA exam for those with graduate degrees in business or accounting are available on the Illinois CPA Society web page, www.icpas.org. Exam information may also be found at the Illinois Board of Examiner’s site, www.ilboa.org.

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Student Experience

“This program offers a good deal of experience for anyone preparing for a career in the accounting profession. I feel I’ve learned a great deal at CLC. I appreciate the practical experience that the instructors bring to the classes and their understanding of the pressures students are under while preparing for a career and working full time. I highly recommend this program and CLC in particular.”

- Penelope Seibert
Accounting Student

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