

Accounting

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The Hartwick Difference

Hartwick weaves the technical aspects of accounting into the fabric of a liberal arts and sciences education. As organizations become more complex and global in scope, students need strong communication skills and quantitative backgrounds. Accounting majors who satisfy Hartwick's Liberal Arts in Practice curriculum and the rigorous accounting program are well prepared to meet the demands of the changing workplace.

Hartwick's two accounting majors – accounting CPA and general accounting – help prepare students for a variety of accounting positions, including public accounting, private accounting, and roles in government and not-for-profit organizations. The interdisciplinary nature of the program allows many students to either double major or include a minor in such fields as business administration or economics. The department also offers a finance minor.

Three-Year Program

Ready to move faster? Get the full Hartwick general accounting experience in three-quarters the time at three-quarters the cost. Learn more at www.hartwick.edu/threeyeardegree.

Major Components

Accounting as a discipline generally focuses on either public accounting or corporate accounting. Hartwick's program offers two interdisciplinary majors to meet the varying needs of these two career paths.

The NYS registered accounting CPA major with 150 total credit hours

- provides all courses required for licensure as a NYS CPA
- focuses on financial accounting for public accounting careers
- investigates questions underlying U.S. and international generally accepted accounting principles

The general accounting major with 120 total credit hours

- allows flexibility within the accounting discipline while providing core courses for the CPA exam
- focuses on accounting for managerial and corporate careers
- prepares students for the CMA exam for professional management accountants

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Course Highlights

For the full online course catalog and requirements, visit www.hartwick.edu/catalog.

Whether you choose the CPA or general accounting major, you will receive a solid foundation in accounting, including NYS's CPA exam core courses: Financial & Managerial Accounting and Taxation & Auditing. In addition to accounting classes, students also take courses in economics and finance. No boring lectures here. Instead, you're computer-immersed – researching online, building models, and presenting to your peers. Hartwick's small classes (20 average) allow for a high degree of interaction between students and professors. The principles of accounting are taught through trial and explanation, not dictation.



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Our students often work in teams, exploring together the ethical dimensions of complex business decisions. This experience identifies professional ethical expectations and fosters the development of a strong personal character. Given the inter-related nature of accounting, economics, and business administration, students may choose to complete a double major.

Beyond the Classroom

The student-run Accounting and Business Society frequently sponsors a wide range of activities: visits by business leaders and off-campus adventures ranging from Wall Street road trips to weekend barbecues. Students who have distinguished themselves in the classroom may be invited to join the Hartwick chapter of Sigma Beta Delta, International Honor Society for Business Administration and Accounting. Hartwick chapter members have been recognized nationally as Sigma Beta Delta fellows and Leadership Conference participants.

Real-world experience: Students are encouraged to participate in internships while at Hartwick. Past internships include working as a financial analyst for General Electric, performing cost analysis for American International Group, and working in the audit department of PricewaterhouseCoopers. Other recent internship sponsors include AXA Financial Advisors, KPMG, Smith Barney, Ernst & Young, Bassett Healthcare, IBM, CBS, Johnson & Johnson, and the SUNY Research Foundation.

“The Big 4” accounting firms continue to demonstrate strong interest in Hartwick students. Our graduates show prospective employers strong communication abilities developed within a liberal arts and sciences education, unmatched by students trained in only technical skills.

Putting Accounting to Work

After graduation, most accounting majors choose to enter the workforce. You may find our graduates at PricewaterhouseCoopers, KPMG, Ernst & Young, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, General Electric, and American Express Financial Advisors. Some accounting graduates choose a career other than public accounting, particularly finding success in the fields of business, finance, law, and internal auditing.

Preparation for Advanced Study

Many Hartwick accounting majors have completed master’s programs at some of the most prestigious universities in the country, including NYU’s Stern School of Business and Bentley University-McCallum Graduate School of Business, and Syracuse University’s Whitman School of Business.

Faculty

Each faculty member in the department has had significant experience outside academia, bringing working knowledge and consulting experience into the classroom.

Thomas Devaney, Assistant Professor, CPA; MBA, Kennesaw University

Stephen A. Kolenda, Professor, CPA; MBA, University of Connecticut

Thomas G. Sears, Professor, CPA; MBA, Syracuse University

Priscilla Z. Wightman, Associate Professor, CPA; M.S., SUNY Albany