Accounting is the very language of business and opens doors to careers in almost any field. Accountants are out front advising senior leadership on financial systems and forecasts as well as interpreting and auditing financial statements. Our graduates work in the public and private sectors, in government, in entertainment, in law, or as entrepreneurs.

Over the last decade, the field of accounting has changed dramatically. New tax laws, shifting technology and the globalization of business have contributed to an incredibly dynamic environment, and demand for graduates with expertise in accounting has surged. According to a recent survey by the American Institute of CPAs, "newly minted accountants are some of the brightest job prospects in the nation, with nearly 90 percent of accounting firms forecasting the same or increased hiring of graduates this year, compared with 2010."

In addition to providing students with a comprehensive foundation in accounting, Saint Joseph's program encourages students to examine their field of study through a business ethics lens. Given the number of recent scandals affecting corporate America, this continues to be a core competency for Saint Joseph's graduates.

As an accounting major at Saint Joseph's, students will have varied opportunities to apply classroom learning to the real world. A vibrant network of industry partners supports the Accounting Internship Program which offers students unique professional experience prior to graduation. In addition, the accounting curriculum is structured to prepare graduates for the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination and a Certificate of Competence in SAP R/3 software is awarded to students upon completion of core courses.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ACCOUNTING MAJOR:
- Visit the Accounting Department’s website: [www.sju.edu/academics/hsb/accounting](http://www.sju.edu/academics/hsb/accounting)
- Visit the Haub School of Business Leahy Advising Center, located in Mandeville 289
- Contact the Accounting Department to schedule a meeting with a faculty member by calling 610-660-1650
- Speak with current students in the major
- Schedule an appointment with the Career Development Center by calling 610-660-3100

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN ACCOUNTING?
Whatever you put your mind to! You can learn much more at [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org). Following are descriptions of just a few of the careers you might pursue:

**Accountant:** Analyzes financial information and prepares financial reports to determine or maintain record of assets, liabilities, profit and loss, tax liability, or other financial activities within an organization.

**Auditor:** Examines and analyzes accounting records to determine financial status of establishment and prepare financial reports concerning operating procedures.

**Credit Analyst:** Analyzes current credit data and financial statements of individuals or firms to determine the degree of risk involved in extending credit or lending money. Prepares reports with this credit information for use in decision-making.
**Tax Analyst:** Determines tax liability or collects taxes from individuals or business firms according to prescribed laws and regulations.

**HOW CAN I ENGAGE MY INTEREST IN ACCOUNTING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM?**
There are so many opportunities to get involved at Saint Joseph’s University – and to develop experience in your major while doing so! Here are just a few:

- Accounting Society
- Internship Program
- STAR Scholar Program
- Sutula Scholars Program
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program
- Winter Internship Program

**OUTCOMES – A CLOSER LOOK AT SJU GRADUATES WITH DEGREES IN ACCOUNTING:**
As depicted in the chart below, the majority of new graduates have started their careers in the accounting field. Many others have selected a variety of industries. (Data from Saint Joseph’s University Career Development Center’s Post-Graduation Survey, 2008 – 2012.)

*Other industries include: Communications/Media; Energy/Utilities; Government; Healthcare/Medicine/Biotech; Not-for-Profit; Pharmaceuticals*

Here is a sampling of positions our graduates have accepted:

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<td>Corporate Accountant</td>
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Organizations that have hired our graduates include:

- Amper, Politzer & Mattia
- ARAMARK
- Asher & Company, Ltd.
- Bloomberg
- Briggs, Bunting & Dougherty LLP
- Brinker, Simpson & Co., LLC
- Cadient Group
- CBIZ
- Central Intelligence Agency
- Citigroup
- Credit Suisse
- Deloitte
- U.S. Department of Revenue
- Drucker & Scaccetti, PC
- Ernst & Young
- Fishbein & Company, PC
- Grant Thornton LLP
- KPMG
- Kreischer Miller
- LECG
- Novak Francella LLP
- ParenteBeard
- PENN Capital Management
- The Pew Charitable Trusts
- Philadelphia Insurance Companies
- Philly Fellows
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- SEI Investments
- Simon & Schuster, Inc.
- The Siegfried Group, LLP
- United States Marine Corps
- Wawa, Inc.
- Weichert Realtors

Some of the graduate schools in which our students have continued their education, in programs including Business and Law:

- LaSalle University
- Rutgers University
- San Diego State University
- State University of New York
- Temple University
- University of Notre Dame
- Villanova University

### Average Starting Salary – Accounting Majors – Classes of 2008 – 2012

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EDUCATION
Saint Joseph’s University, Philadelphia, PA
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, May 2014
Major: Accounting
Plan to complete the 150 hour requirement by September 2014 and will then be eligible to sit for the CPA exam
Cumulative Grade Point Average: 3.3
Dean’s List: Fall 2011 – present

EXPERIENCE
Accounting/Finance Intern, WAWA, INC., WAWA, PA: January 2014 – present
• Accumulate data and issue daily reports for Inventory Movement, Gross Margin, Unit Shipments, Inventory Shrinkage
• Review account code and summarize weekly service invoice for approximately $850,000
• Assist with monthly closing and formulation of financial reports
• Assist with reconciliation of state excise tax for non-cigarette tobacco products

• Provided knowledgeable and friendly product and account information, developing skills in communication and customer service
• Assisted customers with opening accounts using the Encore system and in the loan application process
• Responsible for opening and closing the branch, requiring use of time management and organizational skills

Intern, ACE-INA HOLDINGS, ARDMORE PA: September 2012 – May 2013
• Assisted supervisor with budget and predicting expenses for upcoming year
• Developed complicated Excel spreadsheets using above-mentioned information
• Researched claims; filed accounts; and prepared files to be sent out
• Commended by supervisor for excellent attention to detail and reliability

LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES
• Saint Joseph’s University Student Accounting Society, Treasurer
• Hand in Hand, Volunteer
• Up ‘Til Dawn, Participant

SKILLS
• Computer: Certified in SAP; proficient in the use of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access
• Language: Fluent in Spanish

FURTHER ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR MAJOR AND CAREER OPTIONS:
The Career Development Center can help you with the process of choosing a major and exploring your career options. For assistance, please call 610-660-3100 to schedule an appointment to meet with a Career Counselor.