

# BUSINESS (BS)/ACCOUNTING (MS)

Department Website (<https://www.stern.nyu.edu/portal-partners/current-students/undergraduate/academics/degree-programs/bs-business-ms-accounting/>)

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## Program Description

The BS/MS in Accounting program is an accelerated dual degree program unique to the Stern Undergraduate College. The program graduated its first class in 2010. Stern undergraduates are required to apply to this academically rigorous track and have the benefit of earning two distinct degrees, a Bachelor of Science in Business from the Stern Undergraduate College and a Master of Science in Certified Public Accounting from the Stern Graduate School. Students in the BS/MS in Accounting program can study away as well as pursue a second Stern concentration or a minor or additional major at CAS - options that can ultimately enhance their academic and professional opportunities.

By design, the program satisfies the educational requirement to become a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in New York State, offering students the opportunity to earn 150 credits in an abbreviated time frame. The BS degree is completed in four years, or with careful planning, in as little as three-and-a-half years. Students begin the MS degree requirements while still matriculated as undergraduates and as a result, are able to complete the MS degree in the summer immediately following graduation from the Undergraduate College. The accelerated format also empowers students who plan to earn a CPA license in New York State to sit for all four parts of the CPA Exam in as early as spring of their senior year. This means that most BS/MS students will have passed the licensure exam before starting full-time employment.

BS/MS in Accounting students regularly secure coveted positions in auditing, taxation, forensic accounting, or advisory in one of the Big 4 or Mid-Tier Accounting firms. The BS/MS in Accounting program also opens a world of opportunities to students beyond the field of accounting. Students utilize the power of the dual degree in fields as diverse as consulting, investment banking, private equity, mergers and acquisitions, as well as in entrepreneurial ventures.

The program boasts an alumni network with a global reach and universal appeal. Recent graduates have shared stories about joining teams where they work alongside other program alumni. The alumni remain a critical force in the BS/MS in Accounting program, returning to campus to mentor and inspire the next generation.

The BS/MS in Accounting program is only open to NYU Stern undergraduates enrolled in the Business Program. Admission is open to first year students and sophomores, however, interested juniors and seniors are encouraged to meet with an academic adviser and may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Students with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 and grades of B- or better in accounting coursework who have an interest in the dual degree are encouraged to apply

## CPA Licensure Disclosure Statement

Graduates of the BS/MS in Accounting Program satisfy the educational requirements for the CPA licensure in New York State. For CPA licensure requirements in other states, students are encouraged to refer to the specific state board for the most current information since the requirements are different for every state and may change. Check the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy website at [nasba.org/stateboards](http://nasba.org/stateboards) (<http://nasba.org/stateboards/>) for information on individual states.

## Admissions

For information regarding specific admissions processes and policies for this program, see the Program's Application Guidelines (<https://www.stern.nyu.edu/portal-partners/current-students/undergraduate/academics/degree-programs/bs-business-ms-accounting/>).

## Program Requirements

The dual degree requires the completion of 150 credits, comprised of the following:

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
MULT-UB 100	Commerce and Culture	4
MATH-UA 121	Calculus I	4
	Texts and Ideas	4
	Cultures and Contexts	4
STAT-UB 103	Stats F/Bus Cntl Regress & Forecasting Models	6
SOIM-UB 125	Business and Society	4
ECON-UB 1	Microeconomics with Algebra	4
	or ECON-UB 2 Microeconomics with Calculus	
ACCT-UB 1	Prin of Financial Acctg	4
	Natural Science Requirement	4
SOIM-UB 65	Organizational Comm & Its Social Context	4
ACCT-UB 4	Managerial Accounting	4
ECON-UB 11	Economics of Global Business	4
ACCT-UB 3	Fin Statement Analysis	3
FINC-UB 2	Foundations of Finance	4
	Functional Business Core	4
	Functional Business	4
SOIM-UB 6	Law, Business & Society	4
SOIM-UB 12	Professional Resp. & Leadership	2
MULT-UB 303	NYC Consulting Capstone	4
<b>Electives</b>		
	Non-Stern Electives	20
	Free Electives (can include Stern)	24
<b>Graduate Courses</b>		
ACCT-GB 6302	Financial Reporting & Analysis	3
ACCT-GB 6313	Auditing	3
ACCT-GB 6331	Advanced Managerial Accounting	3
	or ACCT-GB 6323 Accounting-Based Valuation	
ACCT-GB 6380	Taxation of Individual & Business Income	3
ACCT-GB 6315	Accounting Information Systems	3
ACCT-GB 6317	Accounting for Financial Instruments	3

ACCT-GB 6326	Advanced Accounting Concepts	3
MCOM-GB 6205	Topics: Advanced Communication in Accounting	2
ACCT-GB 6400	Financial Statement Modeling	4
ACCT-GB 6416	Data Analysis and Management	4
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>150</b>

## Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
<b>1st Semester/Term</b>		
MULT-UB 100	Commerce and Culture	4
MATH-UA 121	Calculus I	4
	Texts and Ideas	4
STAT-UB 103	Stats F/Bus Cntl Regress & Forecasting Models	6
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>2nd Semester/Term</b>		
SOIM-UB 125	Business and Society	4
ECON-UB 1	Microeconomics with Algebra	4
	or ECON-UB 2	or Microeconomics with Calculus
ACCT-UB 1	Prin of Financial Acctg	4
	Natural Science Requirement	4
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>3rd Semester/Term</b>		
SOIM-UB 65	Organizational Comm & Its Social Context	4
ACCT-UB 4	Managerial Accounting	4
ECON-UB 11	Economics of Global Business	4
	Non-Stern Elective	4
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>4th Semester/Term</b>		
ACCT-UB 3	Fin Statement Analysis	3
FINC-UB 2	Foundations of Finance	4
	Functional Business Core	4
	Non-Stern Elective	4
	Free Elective (can include Stern)	3
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>5th Semester/Term</b>		
	Cultures and Contexts	4
	Functional Business	4
	Non-Stern Elective	4
	Non-Stern Elective	4
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>6th Semester/Term</b>		
SOIM-UB 6	Law, Business & Society	4
ACCT-GB 6313	Auditing	3
ACCT-GB 6331	Advanced Managerial Accounting	3
	Non-Stern Elective	4
	Free Elective (can include Stern)	4
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>7th Semester/Term</b>		
SOIM-UB 12	Professional Resp. & Leadership	2
ACCT-GB 6380	Taxation of Individual & Business Income	3
ACCT-GB 6302	Financial Reporting & Analysis	3
	Free Elective (can include Stern)	4
	Free Elective (can include Stern)	4
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>8th Semester/Term</b>		
MULT-UB 303	NYC Consulting Capstone	4
	Free Elective (can include Stern)	3
ACCT-GB 6315	Accounting Information Systems	3
	Free Elective (can include Stern)	3

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	<b>Credits</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>9th Semester/Term</b>		
ACCT-GB 6400	Financial Statement Modeling	4
ACCT-GB 6416	Data Analysis and Management	4
MCOM-GB 6205	Topics: Advanced Communication in Accounting	2
ACCT-GB 6326	Advanced Accounting Concepts	3
ACCT-GB 6317	Accounting for Financial Instruments	3
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>16</b>
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>150</b>

## Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will:

### Business

1. Achieve professional levels of competence in core functions of business, including oral and written communication.
2. Exhibit intellectual curiosity, high levels of intellectual engagement, and open-mindedness to new ideas and alternative points of view.
3. Develop the skills needed to thrive in groups, organizations, and communities.
4. Achieve an understanding of the role of business within our global society.

### Accounting

1. Be prepared for careers in accounting, attestation and assurance services, and forensic accounting.
2. Be provided with educational requirements needed for CPA licensure.
3. Attain an ability to prepare, read and interpret financial statements at an advanced level.

## Policies

### Concentration Selection

The primary major for a Stern BS in Business degree is Business. Students are permitted to declare up to three official designations as part of their major (i.e., two concentrations and one minor; one concentration and two minors; or two concentrations through Stern and one major through the College of Arts & Science).

Students are encouraged to declare one or more concentrations by the end of their sophomore year and are required to declare at least one Stern concentration on Albert no later than the end of their junior year. When considering a double concentration (or a major through CAS), students should be aware that the degree requirements might exceed 128 credits, possibly affecting financial aid. Those who have questions about specific concentrations, double concentrations, or who require help making this decision should see their adviser at the Stern Office of Academic Advising (<https://www.stern.nyu.edu/portal-partners/current-students/undergraduate/academics/academic-advising/>) or the respective undergraduate faculty adviser.

Students can formally declare a concentration by completing the Concentration Declaration form found on Stern Life ([https://sternlife.stern.nyu.edu/academics-student/?anchor=Declare-Your-Concentration\(s\)-465891](https://sternlife.stern.nyu.edu/academics-student/?anchor=Declare-Your-Concentration(s)-465891)).

## **NYU Policies**

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

## **Stern Policies**

Additional academic policies can be found on the Stern Undergraduate academic policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/business/academic-policies/>).