

CCSU Alumni returning for a second degree

CCSU alumni with degrees in other fields, including other business disciplines, may seek a second undergraduate degree in accounting to enhance their skills and employability.

All students interested in the Accounting program at CCSU should read the **Accounting Major Requirements** handout for details on the requirements for a BSBA (Bachelor of Science in Business Administration) degree with a major in Accounting from CCSU. This handout provides some additional information specific to transfer students that you should make note of while reviewing the program requirements.

If you have an undergraduate or graduate degree in a field other than accounting and want to earn a BS (Bachelor of Science) with a major in accounting at CCSU, you should make an appointment with Cristina Higham at the School of Business Student Services Center (Room 216, Vance Academic Center, telephone 860-832-3242) for an informal evaluation of your CCSU transcript. If you have also taken courses at other schools since graduating from CCSU, you should obtain a copy of your transcript or transcripts (unofficial copies are OK), for all courses you've taken for college credit, and bring your transcript(s) to the appointment. Cristina will determine what credits are likely to transfer to satisfy pre-major requirements, core business requirements, and any general education requirements that have changed since you graduated from CCSU (The Registrar's office performs the official evaluation once you formally apply for readmission and send official copies of your transcripts to CCSU). Depending on your prior field of study, you may satisfy most if not all of the general education, pre-major and core business requirements.

CCSU will accept up to three upper division accounting courses transferred from an AACSB accredited university or a sister Connecticut State University toward completion of the upper division accounting major requirements. Requests for transfer credit from other Universities will be granted on review if they are considered equivalent to the above.

Another alternative to consider is pursuing an MBA at CCSU or a Masters Degree in Accounting rather than a Bachelors Degree in Accounting. CCSU does not currently offer a Masters Degree in Accounting, but many students from non-accounting backgrounds take undergraduate accounting courses at CCSU on a non-matriculated basis to satisfy the accounting pre-requisites for Masters programs.

For example, students with a bachelor's degree in another field and no prior accounting background could take the following classes at CCSU to satisfy the accounting pre-requisites for the MSAT program at the University of Hartford or the online MS in Accounting program at the University of Connecticut:

- AC 211 – Introduction to Financial Accounting
- AC 212 – Introduction to Managerial Accounting
- AC 300 – Intermediate Accounting I
- AC 301 – Cost Management Systems
- AC 302 – Introduction to Federal Income Taxation
- AC 312 – Intermediate Accounting II
- AC 313 – Intermediate Accounting III
- AC 340 – Accounting Information Systems (University of Hartford only)
- AC 407 – Advanced Accounting (University of Connecticut only)
- AC 445 – Auditing

If your degree is in another business discipline you would very likely already have taken the equivalent of AC 211 and AC 212.

A similar (possibly even the same) set of courses would satisfy the accounting pre-requisites for other area Masters of Accountancy programs. You should contact the Universities offering the programs of interest to you to determine the specific accounting pre-requisite requirements. Depending on your

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remaining requirements for a CCSU undergraduate degree, taking any missing undergraduate prerequisites to a 30-hour Masters Program may be a faster path to an accounting degree.

You could also explore CCSU's MBA program. The MBA program has a concentration in Accounting. After completing or waiving (due to undergraduate course experience) the eight foundational courses: the MBA is a ten-course program, including the capstone course. Five of the courses are accounting courses for students who choose the accounting track. For more information on CCSU's MBA program, go to <http://www.ccsu.edu/mba/> or contact Dr. Jason Snyder, the MBA Director at 860-832-3207.