

## Transferring into the Accounting Program at CCSU

Students interested in transferring into the accounting program at CCSU are generally one of four types:

- Community college students planning to pursue a BS (Bachelor of Science) degree at CCSU after completing Associates degrees.
- Students who have already graduated from community college interested in pursuing a BS degree at CCSU.
- Students with undergraduate and/or graduate credit from other universities, including foreign universities, now seeking to complete a BS degree in accounting at CCSU.
- Students with undergraduate and/or graduate degrees from other universities in other fields besides accounting seeking a BS degree in accounting.

All students interested in the Accounting program at CCSU should read the **Accounting Major Requirements** handout for details on the requirements for a BS 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. You may also find helpful information at the transfer link under Admissions on the CCSU home page <http://www.ccsu.edu/articulation/>, and the future and incoming students link on the left side bar on the CCSU School of Business webpage <http://www.ccsu.edu/business/> then [http://web.ccsu.edu/undergradadmission/default\\_transferstudents.asp?redirected](http://web.ccsu.edu/undergradadmission/default_transferstudents.asp?redirected).

### Current Community College Students Planning to Transfer to CCSU in the Future

Students currently attending or planning to attend community college and then transfer to CCSU after earning their associates degree should select courses that fulfill as many of the general education requirements and core business course requirements as possible. It is especially important to take the pre-major courses. The more general education and core business requirements you satisfy at community college, the more flexibility you will have in satisfying your upper division requirements, and the more likely it will be that you will be able to complete your CCSU program taking no more than 120 combined community college and CCSU credit hours. You may be able to satisfy general education requirements with courses that do not directly correspond to CCSU courses, but the process is more difficult. You will need to complete a transfer equivalency substitution form and make a case for each such course.

Remember that CCSU will accept **at most** one accounting course toward completion of the upper division accounting major requirements. If you get an Associates degree in Accounting you will certainly take more than one accounting course beyond the two accounting courses that are core business requirements. The remaining accounting courses will transfer as free electives. There are a limited number of free electives in the 120-hour plan of study. This is why it is important that as many of your non-accounting courses as possible satisfy CCSU general education or core business requirements.

### Transfer Students with Associates Degrees or Community College Credit

If you have already completed your Associates Degree and are seeking to apply courses already taken toward a BS degree with a major in accounting at CCSU, you should obtain a copy of your transcript or transcripts (unofficial copies are OK), for all courses you've taken for college credit make an appointment with Cristina Higham at the School of Business Student Services Center (Room 216, Vance Academic Center, telephone 860-832-3242). Bring your unofficial copies of your transcripts to the appointment and Cristina will be able to advise you on the credits that are likely to transfer to satisfy general education or core business requirements, and you will be able to see what degree requirements remain to be satisfied (the official determination of the status of your transfer credits is determined by the Registrar's office when you officially apply for admission to CCSU and submit your official transcripts to CCSU).

If you have taken courses in the study areas and skill areas that do not directly correspond with CCSU course offerings you may still receive credit for having satisfied the general education requirements by applying for course substitution waivers. The purpose of our general education requirements is not to make you take particular courses offered at CCSU, but that you demonstrate that you have had broad exposure to the liberal arts and sciences, and that you have acquired the skills necessary to be a successful and productive citizen and engage in life long learning.

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### Transfer students with Undergraduate or Graduate University Credit

If you have an undergraduate or graduate degree in a field other than accounting and want to earn a BSBA (Bachelor of Science in Business Administration) with a major in accounting at CCSU you should obtain a copy of your transcript or transcripts (unofficial copies are OK), for all courses you've taken for college credit make an appointment with Cristina Higham at the School of Business Student Services Center (Room 216, Vance Academic Center, telephone 860-832-3242). Bring your unofficial copies of your transcripts to the appointment and Cristina will be able to advise you on the credits that are likely to transfer to satisfy general education or core business requirements, and you will be able to see what degree requirements remain to be satisfied (the official determination of the status of your transfer credits is determined by the Registrar's office when you officially apply for admission to CCSU and submit your official transcripts to CCSU). If any of your credit is from a University outside the United States, see the footnote at the bottom of the page).<sup>1</sup> If you have taken courses in the study areas and skill areas that do not directly correspond with CCSU course offerings you may still receive credit for having satisfied the general education requirements by applying for course substitution waivers. The purpose of our general education requirements is not to make you take particular courses offered at CCSU, but that you demonstrate that you have had broad exposure to the liberal arts and sciences, and that you have acquired the skills necessary to be a successful and productive citizen and engage in life long learning. Depending on your prior field of study, you may satisfy most if not all of the general education and core business requirements.

CCSU's residency requirement is 30 credit hours. You will need to take at least ten courses at CCSU to earn a degree from CCSU. The requirements that you can satisfy by transfer will depend on the extent of your studies completed at another university. 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 our courses. Otherwise, they will transfer as unrestricted free electives, counting only toward satisfying the overall credit hour requirement of 120 credit hours.

### Transfer students with Graduate or Baccalaureate Degrees or University Credit

If you have an undergraduate or graduate degree in a field other than accounting and want to earn a BSBA with a major in accounting at 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 make an appointment with Cristina Higham at the School of Business Student Services Center (Room 216, Vance Academic Center, telephone 860-832-3242). Bring your unofficial copies of your transcripts to the appointment and Cristina will be able to advise you on the credits that are likely to transfer to satisfy general education or core business requirements, and you will be able to see what degree requirements remain to be satisfied (the official determination of the status of your transfer credits is determined by the Registrar's office when you officially apply for admission to CCSU and submit your official transcripts to CCSU). If any of your credit is from a University outside the United States, see the footnote at the bottom of the page).<sup>1</sup> If you have taken courses in the study areas and skill areas that do not directly correspond with CCSU course offerings you may still receive credit for having satisfied the general education requirements by applying for course substitution waivers. The purpose of our general education requirements is not to make you take particular courses offered at CCSU, but that you demonstrate

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<sup>1</sup> If your transcript is in a foreign language, you may need to submit it to an evaluation service. Contact the Undergraduate Admissions Office 860-832-2278, click on the transfer link under Admissions on the CCSU home page <http://www.ccsu.edu/articulation/> and then click on "transfer admissions guidelines" <http://www.ccsu.edu/articulation/admissionsGuidelines.html> and click on the [www.naces.org](http://www.naces.org) link for more information on evaluations of transcripts from foreign universities.

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Alternatives to a bachelor's degree in accounting for baccalaureate or graduate degree holders considering a career change to accounting, are to consider either 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 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.

CCSU's 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.