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Master of Accounting



The Juniata Advantage

- **The Seven Skills of Highly-Capable Accountants:** Juniata's Master of Accounting program is designed to equip graduates with **technical, decision-making, communication, conceptual, human interaction, information, and international** capabilities. In other words, **become a well-rounded accountant** by studying at Juniata.
- **Distinctive Features:** Because accounting professionals should understand the increasing complexity of financial market transactions in order to be effective auditors, both financial economics and accounting research, two rare courses in master's programs, are required.
- **Flexibility:** The Master of Accounting program is designed to help you not only prepare for the Certified Public Accounting exam but to help you achieve career goals in many fields.

For more information, visit: <http://www.juniata.edu/master-of-accounting/>

Juniata's Outcomes

Since its inception in 2012, Juniata's Master of Accounting program has empowered **over 90 percent of graduates to find accounting employment within six months of graduation**. This is typical for some master's programs but is uncommon at smaller schools. In other words, our students enjoy one-on-one attention and still find jobs with prestigious employers, despite Juniata's student body numbering only around 1,600 students. It's just one reason that our alumni—like John Lash '08, who provided consulting to BP during an oil spill and still presents at leading conferences based on this experience—become **industry leaders**.

Our Recent Graduates

- Zachary Boyd M'14 is currently **employed as an associate accountant** at Boyer and Ritter, LLC, in State College, Pa.
- Chase Dykstra M'14 is **employed as a staff underwriter** for UPMC Health Plan in Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Derek Heath M'14 is currently **employed as an associate** at Boyer and Ritter, LLC, in State College, Pa.
- Sara Long M'15 is employed as a **staff accountant** at CPA Associates in Huntingdon, Pa.

"At Juniata, professors share extra pieces of knowledge, from their past experiences, that make me feel as though I am better prepared than most to step into an accounting position right off the bat."

—Jared Shope '15

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Courses for the Program

Accounting Research
Advanced Accounting
Auditing
Business Ethics
Business Statistics
Calculus
Corporate Taxation
Cost Accounting
Federal Taxation of Individuals
Financial Accounting
Financial Markets & Institutions
Financial Theory & Analysis
Forensic Accounting
Government & Nonprofit Accounting
Intermediate Accounting I & II
Introduction to Business Law
Legal Regulations of Business
Principles of Microeconomics



A Master of Accounting Story

The Master of Accounting program is designed to prepare students for entry into a world where individuals must have a command of relevant knowledge about accounting, management, and economics, and have a capacity to apply that knowledge in addressing problems and making decisions.

Coursework emphasizes a firm understanding of accounting theories and concepts, and it's characterized by small, interactive classes. That close interaction with experienced faculty—the benefit of studying accounting at a liberal arts college—will help you develop the skills necessary to do well on the CPA examination and for a productive long-term career.

Complete the 32-credit graduate program in one year, by attending full time. Or, work through the course work on a part-time basis. Either way, accounting skills are highly valued in the marketplace and can lead to career possibilities in corporate settings, the non-profit sector, and government. But don't just take our word for it.

"I chose to pursue a master's degree in accounting at Juniata, because I wanted to continue my education with professors that have great knowledge of all aspects of the accounting field," says Derek Heath M'14. "Receiving a master's degree gave me the opportunity to set myself apart from other candidates in the job market and prepared me with the knowledge to begin my career."



Faculty

At Juniata, accounting professors serve, first and foremost, as teachers and mentors. But they also do consulting work and gain certifications—like CPAs, CFE, etc.—that keep their teaching up-to-date and informed. To discover which faculty publish in *American Legion* magazine or scholarly journals such as *Capitalism and Growth of Government*, and *Earned Income Differentials*, or who authored papers on the Shakers or development plans for Huntingdon County and Raystown Lake, visit: <http://www.juniata.edu/academics/departments/accounting-business-economics/faculty.php>

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Student Opportunities

Research: A distinctive quality of Juniata's master's program is the opportunity to conduct research in a topic of your choosing with the guidance of a faculty member.

Presentations: Present your accounting research at conferences—like **Juniata's Liberal Arts Symposium** or professional meetings related to accounting.