Why Choose an Accounting Minor?

The accounting minor is valuable to students seeking an understanding of the accounting process and its applications in modern society. Moreover, it offers training for entry into positions in government, industry and social service organizations. The accounting profession seeks to attract students from all major disciplines. The Leventhal School of Accounting anticipates students to be drawn to courses in accounting for the following reasons:

- To help prepare for careers in public and private accounting or other fields that require a basic knowledge of accounting/business.

- To understand that employers are looking for individuals who possess the ability to analyze and evaluate complex business problems, and the interpersonal skills and maturity to make decisions in an increasingly client-focused environment.

- To appropriately plan and complete the undergraduate work necessary for the pursuit of a graduate degree in accounting.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ACCOUNTING:

- Leventhal School of Accounting Undergraduate Program
  http://www.marshall.usc.edu/undergrad/acct

- Leventhal School of Accounting Graduate Programs
  http://www.marshall.usc.edu/masters

- California Board of Accountancy (CBA)
  http://www.dca.ca.gov/cba/

- American Institute of CPAs (AICPA)
  http://www.aicpa.org

Admission to the Accounting Minor

Approval Criteria:

- Completion of 32 college-level units
- Cumulative (overall) G.P.A. of 2.75
- Non-Business majors ONLY; Business (BUAD) majors are ineligible

Application:

You must apply and be admitted to the Accounting Minor by the Marshall School of Business.

For minor applicant instructions, go to the Marshall website: http://students.marshall.usc.edu/undergrad/applying/ or drop by the Marshall Undergraduate Advising Office in Bridge Hall Room 104.
Accounting Minor Course Requirements

Successful completion of the 22-unit minor program requires a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0 in the following courses:

**Required Courses (as of Fall 2010)**

- BUAD 200x* Economic Foundations for Business (2)
- BUAD 215x** Foundations for Business Finance (4)
- ACCT 410x Foundations for Accounting (4)
- ACCT 415x** Intermediate Financial Accounting for Non-Accounting Majors (4)

**Choose TWO from the following:**

- ACCT 416** Financial Reporting and Analysis (2)
- ACCT 417x** Advanced Financial Reporting and Analysis (2)
- ACCT 418x Accounting for Management Decisions (2)
- ACCT 419x Understanding Accounting Information Systems (2)
- ACCT 420x Understanding Income Tax (2)
- ACCT 462** Detecting Fraudulent Financial Reporting (2)

**Choose ONE from the following:**

- BUAD 302 Communication Strategy in Business (4)
- BUAD 304 Leading Organizations (4)
- BUAD 307 Marketing Fundamentals (4)
- BUAD 311 Operations Management (4)
- FBE 403 Introduction to the Legal Environment of Business (4)

*Students who have taken ECON 203 or 351 and ECON 205 or 352 will be waived out of BUAD 200x.

**Courses with prerequisites