



BLACK HILLS
STATE UNIVERSITY

PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY/ACCOUNTING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.)



FIND YOUR CAREER

There are employment opportunities in a variety of sectors:

- » Public Accounting
 - » Audit and Assurance
 - » Tax Compliance and Planning
- » Corporate Accounting
 - » Controlling and Budgeting
 - » Internal Audit
- » Government and Nonprofit
 - » Accounting and Auditing-Federal Agencies
 - » Law Enforcement-FBI
- » Education
 - » Teaching
 - » Research

IT ALL ADDS UP

A degree in Professional Accounting will offer a board range of opportunities over your career. While the accounting degree will land you a job, becoming a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) will expand its value and will demand up to 15% higher salaries. Additionally, accounting jobs are expected to grow 7% between 2020 and 2030.

● **OUR SCHOOL OF BUSINESS IS ACCREDITED BY AACSB INTERNATIONAL -**

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). This places us in the top 5% of business schools worldwide.

● **STUDENTS LEARN FROM A TEAM OF ACCOMPLISHED FACULTY,** many of whom have practical business experience as well.

● **ACCOUNTING FACULTY ARE ALL CPAS** with graduate degrees.



JESS WEAVER, CPA
CLASS OF '09

- » Senior Tax Manager at Ketel Thorstenson LLP
- » B.S. in Professional Accounting
- » Never took an accounting class until Sophomore year of college
- » Passed CPA exam on first try with one of the highest scores in the state
- » Active outdoorsman
- » Born and raised in the Black Hills



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PREPARE FOR YOUR FUTURE

- **THE PROGRAM IS 150 CREDIT HOURS** and prepares you for the Uniform CPA Examination as well as other specialized accounting examinations.
- **THE PROGRAM HAS A VERY HIGH RATE OF PLACEMENT**, often with multiple employers upon graduation.
- **PAID INTERNSHIPS DURING YOUR FINAL YEAR OF COLLEGE** earning 3-6 credits are often available but not required.

UNIQUE CLASS EXPERIENCES

- **ACCT 360 ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS:** This course provides students with an understanding of the flow of accounting information in business and how computers are used to support business decision making.
- **ACCT 361 ACCOUNTING COMPUTER APPLICATIONS:** This course provides in-depth instruction specific to popular accounting software applications such as Quickbooks. Employers value students who have background in this technology.
- **ACCT 431 ADVANCED INCOME TAX:** This courses allows for hands-on tax preparation experience through the local Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program and covers the basic taxation of partnerships and corporations.
- **ACCT 454 ADVANCED AUDITING AND ASSURANCE:** This courses extends the student's knowledge of auditing standards beyond basic principles and covers other professional assurance services offered by CPA firms.
- **ACCT 470 NON-PROFIT ACCOUNTING:** This course covers accounting standards and procedures unique to non-profit organizations and state and local governments.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

ACCOUNTING FAIR

The annual Accounting Fair, for accounting and professional accountancy majors, is held every fall, welcoming local and regional employers to both the Spearfish and Rapid City campuses. Students network and interview with employers to secure internships and full-time positions.

VITA PROGRAM

Advanced Income Tax Accounting students participate in Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), gaining hands-on experience preparing tax returns for low-income individuals.

CAREER FAIRS

Each spring semester, BHSU holds its annual career fair, open to all majors and welcoming over 60 employers to campus to meet with students seeking part-time, full-time, and internship positions.

SD CPA SOCIETY ACCOUNTING SHOWCASE

BHSU hosts the annual SD CPA Society Accounting Showcase each fall. The event connects area accountants and students in an information exchange. Topics presented include careers in accounting and the CPA exam.



STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

BETA GAMMA SIGMA

Beta Gamma Sigma is the international honor society for AACSB accredited schools of business, whose mission is to encourage and honor academic excellence, to foster personal and professional excellence, and to advance the values of the Society. The top 10% of junior and senior business majors are invited to join this prestigious organization.

BHSU BUZZ MARKETING

BHSU Buzz Marketing strives to increase the awareness of marketing on campus by providing students with correct ways to network, complete a resume, and use marketing tactics to in turn receive the experience of being involved in a nationally recognized organization.

JACKETS INVESTMENT CLUB

The Jackets Investment Club seeks to provide all students an opportunity to learn more about investing. The purpose of the club is to give members the opportunity to learn and practice new investment tools. Using real-world applications, students will strengthen their knowledge of economics, markets, and finance.

ADDITIONAL TRACKS

BHSU also offers a four-year (120 credit hours) Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a specialization in Accounting for students interested in corporate, government, or small business accounting. This degree also provides flexibility for students with prior academic credit who wish to work towards meeting the 150-hour requirement for the CPA exam.