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ACCOUNTING AT BYU’S MARRIOTT SCHOOL
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Actually, most are well-rounded people who come from a variety of backgrounds. Whether surfers, artists, or jugglers, accountants share some characteristics—such as a passion for quality, accuracy, and integrity.

One great thing about BYU’s accountancy programs is the focus on teamwork, which helps build communication skills. Our professors are experts in accounting education, fraud, taxation, and other areas. Many hold influential positions in professional accounting organizations and on oversight boards and share their experiences and expertise in class. In other words, prepare to be impressed.

The School of Accountancy is consistently ranked among the top three programs in the country. Not only does it offer an excellent undergraduate degree, it also offers a master’s degree in accountancy (MAcc), which integrated students can earn in only two extra semesters. For more information about both programs, check out soa.byu.edu.

“Accounting fits my lifestyle. If you leave the field to raise children, serve a mission, or travel, it’s easy to jump back into. It offers a lot of flexibility; not many other professions can boast that.”

—Heather Crawford, graduate student from California

- Holds a brown belt in hapkido and a blue belt in jujutsu
- Speaks Chinese and does velociraptor impressions
- Led nationally ranked drum line in the Pasadena Rose Parade

“I like that accounting is challenging intellectually. It provides me with an opportunity to go into a business and see how it works. That’s what drove me to it—to see how these large, successful companies work in a challenging environment.”

—Reuben Cook, graduate student from Georgia

- Juggles flaming spatulas (don’t try this at home)
- Co-hosts a cable talk show
- Self-taught oil painter
IN THE BEGINNING, THERE ARE PREREQUISITES

Before you apply to the program, you’ll typically spend your first two undergraduate years completing general education and accounting prerequisite classes.

After you’re in, you’ll participate in the Accounting Jr. Core, a set of classes that build a foundation for graduate-level work or employment. It’s a tough year, but a rewarding time as you build friendships and important skills.

If you already have an undergraduate degree, you can still be admitted to the MAcc. You will join the integrated students after they complete the Jr. Core, finishing the last two years of the program together.

Stay in the loop: visit soa.byu.edu for prerequisite class and MAcc admission information.

“The program has been a great experience. I enjoy the professors’ ability to stretch our minds beyond basic principles and concepts. I am confident in my ability to contribute in the workforce.”

—Andrew Stubbs, graduate student from Nevada

- Wrestled for BYU and helps coach a high school team
- Ambidextrous
- Hot weather and cheeseburgers make the Fourth of July his favorite holiday

“What I like best about the accounting classes are the great professors and the opportunity you have to work in groups. If you’re struggling with something, you can always turn to a group member or professor for help.”

—Lau Lavaka, undergraduate student from Tonga

- Tutors ESL students in math and English
- Loves reading a good book, especially about church history
- Leads a forty-person Tongan dance troupe
A HISTORY OF SUCCESS

We offer two of the best programs in the nation for aspiring bean counters. Public Accounting Report, a top accounting publication, ranked the undergraduate and graduate programs second in their most recent survey, making it ten consecutive years we have been among the top three in the country.

Going through our respected and rigorous programs gives students a strong sense of achievement. If you want to become a successful accountant or business professional, we recommend applying to the undergraduate accounting program as a sophomore; during the second semester of your junior year you can apply for the master’s degree program.

“Not a day passes when I don’t draw on my academic experiences while conducting business. The curriculum provided a strong analytical background with an appropriate blend of marketing, organizational behavior, operations, strategy, and communication skills.”

—Val Gregory, MAcc graduate from Utah

- Loves snorkeling—particularly in Hawaii
- Starts work at 5:30 a.m. to night ski with his sons
- Rides off-road motorcycles
- CEO, Icon Security, fifth largest residential security company in the nation

AFTER THE POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE

Accountancy graduates leave BYU not only with an exceptional education but also a job to go with their diploma. In 2005, 96 percent of MAcc graduates and 92 percent of accountancy undergraduates had a job by graduation. Recruiters around the country recently ranked the Marriott School as the number one place to find the best graduates, most innovative curriculum, and effective career services. All of the Big Four accounting firms recruit heavily at the Marriott School (and it’s not just because we have great mint brownies).

Our graduates have gone on to become CEOs, controllers, and partners in leading firms. Others have used their skills as a basis to start their own company. The bottom line is that a good understanding of accounting can serve as the foundation for many business careers.

“There is a variety in the work I do, in a variety of locations, and with a variety of people. The assignments and experiences constantly change. I look at it as being paid to learn new things every day.”

—Dennis Malloy, MAcc graduate from California

- Has private pilot’s license
- Spends half of his day speaking Japanese with clients in Tokyo
- Bungee jumped 140 feet in New Zealand
- Partner at KPMG, a Big Four accounting firm