

STUDY ACCOUNTING

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Calculator and pocket protector optional.



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Muma College of Business
Lynn Pippenger School of Accountancy

WHAT IS AN ACCOUNTANT?

Not all accountants are bean counters. Some couldn't tell you what form to use on your taxes. Few wear pocket protectors.

But all accountants know the language of business, and every organization needs one. Accountants prepare and organize financial records. They think creatively and analytically to help businesses cut costs and boost revenue. And most are really cool people.

TYPES OF ACCOUNTANTS

- **External Auditor**
- **Internal Auditor**
- **Corporate Accountant**
- **Tax Accountant**
- **Forensic/Fraud Examiner**
- **Governmental/ Non-Profit Accountant**
- **Compliance Executive**
- **Financial Analyst**
- **Consultant**





TRAITS OF USF ACCOUNTING STUDENTS

- **Organized:** They already have the next 4 months (maybe even the next 4 years) planned out.
- **Analytical:** They solve problems no one else can crack – and enjoy doing it.
- **Passionate:** They get amped up when talking about business.
- **Determined:** ‘Impossible’ isn’t in their vocabulary.

Sound familiar?



WHY STUDY ACCOUNTING AT USF?

REASON #1: THE PROFESSORS

Our professors don't hide out in their offices. They make themselves available whenever you need them – even during breaks. Plus, they like to bring their research into the classroom. Many professors have even written leading textbooks in their field.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: KATIE DAVIS

What I Teach:

ACG 3401 Accounting Information Systems,
ACG 3341 Cost Accounting and Control 1

Why I Teach Accounting: “Once you have a solid foundation in accounting, you can do almost anything in business.”

**MORE THAN HALF OF OUR PROFESSORS HAVE
WON AWARDS FOR TEACHING AND RESEARCH.**



REASON #2: BETA ALPHA PSI

USF'S BETA ALPHA PSI CHAPTER HAS WON THE 'GOLD CHALLENGE' AWARD 6 YEARS IN A ROW. OUR CHAPTER IS 1 OF ONLY 2 IN THE WORLD TO WIN THIS AWARD EVERY YEAR SINCE THE 'GOLD CHALLENGE' BEGAN IN 2009.

This honors society is exclusive to accounting students. It sponsors professional networking events – like mock interviews and business socials – to build students' skills and help them land their dream jobs. But BAP students also know how to have fun. They go to baseball games and give back to the community through organizations like Relay for Life, Junior Achievement, and Feed America.

REASON #3: TAMPA

Employers want our grads. The Big 4 accounting firms – PricewaterhouseCoopers, EY, Deloitte, and KPMG – all have a major presence in Tampa. They've hired hundreds of our accounting students as interns and later as full-time employees.

Love warm, sunny weather? You'll fit in perfectly at USF, where business is booming and more companies are hanging their shingles.

USF ACCOUNTANCY ALUMNI CAREERS

- **Contracts Manager at Coca-Cola Enterprises**
- **VP of Finance and Accounting for the American Cancer Society**
- **Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Agent**
- **Controller at Tampa General Hospital**
- **Audit Services Director at TECO Energy**
- **Partner at Grant Thornton**
- **Corporate Accountant at Apple**



WHAT ARE STUDENTS SAYING ABOUT USF?

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: FRANCIS GELORMINI '15 B.S. ACCOUNTING

"USF made me feel welcome – like they were privileged to have me enroll."

Advice:

"Join the Bulls Business Community. My mentor really showed me the ropes of life on campus and helped me through my first year."



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: CHELSEA FRITTS '16 B.S. ACCOUNTING

"I love this campus. I live and breathe USF."

Advice:

"The classes are difficult, but it really helps to take advantage of the amazing resources available to you as a student."

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

LISL UNTERHOLZNER

'12 B.S. ACCOUNTING

What I Love about USF:

“Even though USF is large, I never felt overwhelmed within the accounting school – you know the professors and the professors know you.”

Lisl began her career as a wine consultant. She loved being in sales, but as time went on, Lisl realized she enjoyed analyzing numbers and managing budgets more than being in front of people every day. But she didn't have the degree to go into finance.

Several accountants Lisl knew recommended USF as one of the best schools in the accounting field. Since she already lived in Tampa, Lisl decided to enroll and discovered her love of analyzing data to solve problems. Now Lisl works for a public accounting firm that specializes in forensic accounting and litigation support.





ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

JAMIL JONES

'06 M.S. ACCOUNTING; '04 B.S. ACCOUNTING

What I Love about USF:

"The accounting professors at USF go above and beyond to help students succeed. When they graduate, many students come back to serve as mentors. I love that camaraderie."

Jamil came to USF as a computer science major. After taking a few accounting classes, Jamil realized accounting was a better fit and switched his major.

He found out about Deloitte through Beta Alpha Psi. Deloitte hired him as an intern and later as a full-time employee. Today, he spends part of his time auditing and the other part recruiting top college talent for Deloitte.