

# DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING

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## Mission Statement

The Department of Accounting provides an applied learning experience as a framework for lifelong learning to prepare our students for successful careers in accounting and business in an ever-changing environment.

## Accounting Program

The accounting department provides a challenging program of study for students who desire to pursue a major in the field of accounting. Students are engaged in unique and enriching learning experiences both inside and outside the classroom. Upon the successful completion of the 120-hour undergraduate program, students are prepared for a rewarding career in public accounting, industry, government, and other business fields.

## Transfer Students

Students in community or junior colleges who plan to transfer to Western Kentucky University to complete a baccalaureate degree in accounting should concentrate on courses which will satisfy Colonnade Program requirements. Credit for accounting or business courses completed at community or junior colleges, except some 200-level courses, will generally not be allowed as part of the Accounting Program.

Students attending four-year schools who wish to transfer to Western Kentucky University should follow a program of Colonnade and prerequisite courses for entry into the Accounting Program. For accounting and business courses offered only at the 300-level and 400-level at Western Kentucky University, a maximum of nine semester hours may be transferred from other four-year schools for credit in the accounting major. Such transfers require the approval of the Western Kentucky University Chair of Accounting. Such courses completed before entering WKU will be accepted for transfer credit as part of the accounting program only if the grade of "C" or better was earned. Students already enrolled at Western Kentucky University should not plan on completing accounting requirements at other institutions.

## Pilot Program

Students who successfully complete the high school AICPA Accounting Program for Building the Profession (APBP) and pass the APBP exam will receive three hours of proficiency credit that will meet the prerequisite requirement for ACCT 220. Contact the department for additional information.

## Program of Study

When planning a program of study in this department, students should refer to the suggested Program of Study. Each student should be aware of the University's academic requirements and regulations

contained in this catalog in the chapter titled "Academic Information." Students are encouraged to contact the Gordon Ford College of Business Undergraduate Student Services and Academic Advising Center and/or the Accounting Department Chair for academic advising and assistance. For career-related information, students should contact the Accounting Department, Center for Career and Professional Development, GFCB Internship Coordinator, or an Accounting faculty member for career mentoring and advising.

## Degree

- Accounting, Bachelor of Science (602) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/business/accounting/accounting-bs/>)

## Faculty

### Professor

Yining Chen PhD (Business Administration), University of South Carolina - Columbia, 1993

### Associate Professor

Jason M. Bergner PhD (Business Administration), University of Kentucky, 2011

Stacy R. Bibelhauser PhD (Business Administration), University of Kentucky, 2004

Nicholas J. Fessler PhD (Business), Indiana University-Bloomington, 1999

Minwoo Lee PhD (Business Administration), University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh Camp, 1993

### Assistant Professor

Charles O. Kile PhD (Business Administration), Washington University, 1993

Jonathan F. Ross PhD (Business Administration), University of Kentucky, 2013

Pinky Rusli PhD (Business Administration), University of Kentucky, 2017

### Pedagogical Assistant Professor

Heather L. Glass MS (Accountancy), College of Charleston, 2010

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