

UCLA Extension

Business, Management & Legal Programs

Accounting Programs

Your Roadmap to Career Success



A Future of Expanding Opportunity

Changes in financial laws and regulations, increased complexities within organizations, technological advances, and globalization are fueling the high demand for qualified accountants. With an expected growth in the field of up to 16 percent through the year 2020, it's an exciting time to pursue a successful future in accounting.

The Accounting Profession

Accounting professionals can choose from a variety of career paths in public and private accounting, or related fields, such as banking and consulting. Most accounting and auditing positions require at least a bachelor's degree. Accounting professionals can further their career prospects with continuing education courses in accounting as well as industry licensing, including the CPA, CIA®, CMA®, and FP&A™ certifications.

Public Accounting vs. Private Accounting

Knowing the difference between Private and Public Accounting career tracks can help you choose the job that best suits your long-term goals.

Public accountants are considered "external" accountants who provide services to clients such as audit, management consulting, and tax preparation and planning. Within public accounting, you can work for any sized firm, ranging from a large, international CPA firm to a small local accounting practice.

Private, or non-public accountants, are viewed as "internal" accountants who work in a company, non-profit organization, or a government agency. Accounting professionals in business and industry can work for companies ranging from family-owned businesses to Fortune 500 companies. A variety of career paths exist within private accounting, including financial and managerial accounting, budget & financial planning, treasury, and internal audit.

Core Values & Competencies

Today's accounting firms are looking for financial professionals who can fill key roles that help complement their teams and support expansion.

To sustain a competitive advantage in the ever-changing marketplace, an understanding of relevant skills and competencies in conjunction with core values is essential for growth and future success.

Core Values*

- Integrity
- Competence
- Lifelong Learning
- Objectivity
- Commitment to Excellence
- Relevance to the Global Marketplace

*CPA Horizons 2025 Report (AICPA).

Relevant Competencies*

- Communication Skills
- Leadership Skills
- Critical-thinking & Problem-solving Skills
- Anticipating & Serving Evolving Needs
- Synthesizing Intelligence to Insight
- Integration & Collaboration

“ The UCLA Extension certificate program helped me to achieve my goals, including obtaining my CPA license, and the networking opportunities opened many professional doors for me. Professors are incredibly well-versed with the subject matter, and made it interesting and interactive all along. Today I am in private practice. I highly recommend UCLA Extension's program. ”

Anita Vartanian, CPA, EA
UCLA Extension Accounting Certificate Graduate



Pathways to Accounting Careers

Today's accounting firms are looking for professionals who can fill roles that complement their teams and support expansion. Recognized by employers throughout Los Angeles and beyond, UCLA Extension's comprehensive accounting curriculum is designed for real-world application, providing practical skills to help students meet the increasing demands of the accounting field while also preparing for the CPA, CIA®, and CMA®.

Accounting Certificate

This nationally recognized certificate program provides approved coursework to sit for the CPA exam, and for fulfilling units needed for CPA licensure — including the 2014 150-hour educational requirement. This comprehensive curriculum prepares students for successful careers in both public and private accounting.

All candidates completing this program are awarded a certificate that bears the seal of the University of California and is signed by the Dean of UCLA Extension.

Core Accounting Courses

X 120A	Intermediate Accounting Theory and Practice
X 120B	Intermediate Accounting Theory and Practice
X 120C	Intermediate Accounting Theory and Practice
X 422	Management Accounting
X 124A	Advanced Accounting Theory and Practice
X 124B	Advanced Accounting Theory and Practice
X 423	Auditing: Financial
X 423.2	Internal Auditing
X 127	Federal Income Taxation

Ethics Requirement

X 423.422	Ethics in Accounting
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Business-Related Electives

An additional 9 courses (36 quarter units) of business-related electives may be required depending upon a review of each student's university/college transcripts.

Recommended Prerequisites

Students are advised to complete X 1A and X 1B Principles of Accounting (or equivalent) since they are prerequisites for many courses in the curriculum.

Further Information

To view full certificate details, please visit:
uclaextension.edu/acctg



Internal Audit Certificate

This 9-course program is designed to meet the specific market demand for qualified internal auditors, and provides the educational coursework needed to fully prepare for the globally recognized Certified Internal Auditor (CIA®) certification. This advanced program is ideal for those who wish to expand their current internal audit career prospects, or make a career transition into this field.

To view full certificate details, please visit:
uclaextension.edu/internalaudit

Individual Accounting Courses

Our wide selection of accounting courses are open to both certificate or non-certificate students who need to fulfill remaining units for CPA licensing, including those who want to expand knowledge in a particular area. In addition, most courses are approved to fulfill CPE and CE requirements. To meet the busy schedules of working professionals, students may complete their coursework in the classroom or with our instructor-led online format. To view a full list of accounting courses, please visit: uclaextension.edu/acctg_courses

In-Demand Industry Credentials

Accounting credentials and certification provide improved career and income prospects, greater networking opportunities, increased respect among peers, and higher self-confidence. Today, more and more leading companies are encouraging employees to obtain relevant industry certifications to ensure that their key staff members are highly skilled and motivated.

Accounting Certifications

Certified Public Accountant (CPA): One of the world's leading and most recognized certifications, the CPA governing body serves to protect the public interest by helping to ensure that only qualified individuals become licensed as Certified Public Accountants (CPAs).

Certified Internal Auditor (CIA®): The only globally accepted designation for internal auditors, the CIA is the standard by which internal auditing professionals demonstrate the ability to facilitate and manage today's complex internal audit responsibilities.

Certified Management Accountant (CMA®): The CMA is specifically designed to measure the advanced accounting and financial management skills that drive business performance.

Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE): The CFE credential denotes proven expertise in fraud prevention, detection and deterrence, and provides training to identify the warning signs that indicate evidence of fraud and fraud risk.

Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA): The CISA designation is the globally accepted standard of achievement among information systems (IS) audit, control and security professionals.

Corporate Financial Planning and Analysis (FP&A): A certified FP&A professional provides insights to the financial decision making process in an organization through analysis, financial planning, and reporting.

Exam Review Programs

Further prepare for industry licensing with our intensive exam review programs. Discounted fees are available for UCLA Extension certificate students, professional association members, and employers who enroll 3 or more employees.

Becker CPA Review: Learn from experienced instructors and specialists; benefit from 55 complete simulations that mirror those found on the CPA exam; more than 6,000 multiple choice questions; two final practice exams; and unlimited access to online support, with targeted answers to specific questions. uclaextension.edu/beckerCPA

CIA® Exam Review: Utilize course materials designed by CIA-certified subject matter experts; review key CIA exam topics and learn helpful test-taking strategies. uclaextension.edu/cia-review

CMA® Exam Review: Review CMA exam topics and learn test-taking strategies; utilize course materials designed by IMA subject matter experts; coursework may be applied toward California's CPE requirement for CPAs. uclaextension.edu/cmareview

FP&A™ Exam Review: Offered in collaboration with the Association for Financial Professionals (AFP), this instructor-led exam review course is designed to prepare students for the newly launched Corporate Financial Planning and Analysis (FP&A) Exam. uclaextension.edu/FPARreview

“ The Accounting Certificate program at UCLA Extension made my dream of becoming a successful businesswoman in the USA come true. The school gave me every tool that I needed. After finishing the program, all that was left to do was follow my heart and use the tools given to me by the amazing instructors. ”

Didem Komaromi, CPA
UCLA Extension Accounting Certificate Graduate



The Support You Need to Succeed

UCLA Extension certificate students have ongoing access to a number of career-related resources that can help move their accounting career forward. By working closely with employers, advisory boards, and professional associations, students are assured of networking opportunities both in and outside the classroom. Career changers, or those early in their accounting careers, are also encouraged to consider internships and seek mentoring opportunities to help successfully transition into the profession.

Career Events

UCLA Extension hosts a number of annual career events where students can meet and network with industry veterans, as well as representatives from professional associations and organizations. Career panels are included to help students learn more about the internal accounting profession.

Internships

The Internship in Accounting provides students with practical experience in a variety of accounting and internal audit job functions, and provides the opportunity to apply the materials studied in the classroom. Certificate students must complete a minimum of 5 courses in their respective program before enrolling in the internship. Non-certificate students may also enroll in the internship based upon prior academic coursework completed.

Professional Associations

Accounting students are encouraged to join and participate in relevant professional associations to help further expand their career development skills and engage in networking opportunities.

UCLA Extension works closely with a number of organizations, including CalCPA, Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), and Institute of Management Accountants (IMA), by promoting student membership and participation in chapter meetings and events. Members of these organizations also receive discounted fees to UCLA Extension accounting and business-related courses.

Industry Resource Guide

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)

(888) 777-7077 | aicpa.org

Becker CPA Review

(800) 868-3900 | beckercpa.com

California Board of Accountancy

(916) 263-3680 | dca.ca.gov/cba

National Association of State Boards of Accountancy

(615) 880-4200 | nasba.org

California Society of Certified Public Accountants (CalCPA)

(800) 922-5272 | calcpa.org

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB)

(203) 847-0700 | fasb.org

Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA)

(407) 937-1100 | theiia.org

Association for Financial Professionals (AFP)

(301) 907-2862 | afponline.org

Institute of Management Accountants (IMA)

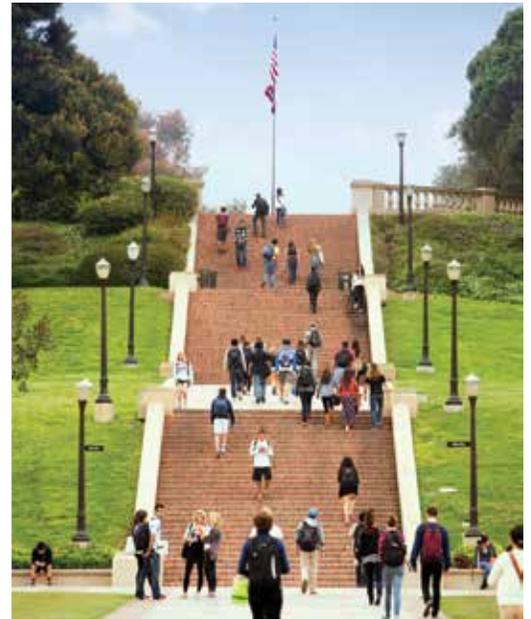
(800) 638-4427 | imanet.org

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)

(800) 245-3321 | acfe.com

Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA)

(847) 253-1545 | isaca.org



Start Your Journey to Success

Contact a UCLA Extension representative today for more information on the following:

Certificates

(310) 206-1654

fmpcertificate@uclaextension.edu

This unit provides many services to students enrolled in certificates, including course selection and advisement, record maintenance, transcript evaluations, problem resolutions, and internships.

Individual Courses

(310) 206-1304

tcanton@uclaextension.edu

For questions about course content, instructors, course discounts, textbooks, location, and advance course scheduling.

Corporate Training

(310) 206-7248

rburnes@uclaextension.edu

Company discounts are available to employers sending 3 or more employees to any individual course. Also learn how our courses can be brought to your site and custom-tailored to meet your organization's specific training needs.



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UCLA Extension is the continuing education division of the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA). We offer courses evenings and weekends in Westwood and Downtown LA, plus online classes available around the globe. Courses range from business, arts, engineering, and IT to entertainment studies, public policy, public health, the humanities, and more. Explore UCLA Extension at: uclaextension.edu

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