Accounting is a dynamic profession that is essential to organizations around the globe. Corporate governance, organizational strategy and long-term planning all require accountants’ technical and analytical skills. The degree in accounting provides a broad-based education that balances conceptual and pragmatic knowledge.

**Accounting at UT Dallas**

A 120-hour curriculum leads to a degree in accounting. All undergraduate degrees require a core of 42 hours. In the core courses, students have an opportunity to learn theories and analytical techniques that can be applied to the functional areas of business, such as finance and marketing. Students are exposed to the international dimensions of business activities and to social and political factors that impact business behavior. Students who plan to become certified public accountants (CPAs) should consider the 150-hour Professional Program in Accounting, which earns them both an undergraduate and a master’s degree.

A capstone course in strategic management allows students to solve real-world business problems. Students are also required to take courses outside the Naveen Jindal School of Management in order to broaden their educational experience in preparation for leadership roles as professionals and/or managers in modern business organizations.

**Careers in Accounting**

In virtually every organization — private, public, nonprofit, governmental — accounting professionals hold critical roles at all levels. A degree in this field also prepares students to pursue advanced degrees in business, law and other fields.

**Marketable Skills**

Accounting, “the language of business,” is the basis for all measurement, analysis, and understanding of financial success. Accounting majors develop those critical foundational skills that lead toward eventual qualification for, and success with, the Uniform CPA Exam and licensing as a Certified Public Accountant. Those skills include the ability to:

- Create financial reports for business, not-for-profit, and governmental entities.
- Perform external (independent) audits of both public and private companies’ financial reports.
- Analyze published financial reports and accompanying disclosures for market and industry studies as well as to support capital allocation and investment decisions.
- Conduct internal audits of businesses and other organizations toward improving operational efficiency, assessing managerial effectiveness, and fraud detection.
- Participate in transactional planning by providing and assuring that financial projections reflect realistic after-tax cash flow and income assumptions.
Naveen Jindal School of Management

The largest of the eight schools at UT Dallas, the Naveen Jindal School of Management offers a full complement of programs at the undergraduate, graduate, PhD and executive levels. The Jindal School’s mission is to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing, technology-driven global society by partnering with the business community to:

- Conduct knowledge-enhancing management research.
- Deliver high-quality management education to a diverse group of undergraduate and graduate students and practicing executives.
- Develop, innovate and continuously improve programs advancing management education and practice.

Management Honors Program

The Davidson Management Honors Program (DMHP) gives select undergraduate students the opportunity to enhance their experience in the Naveen Jindal School of Management. DMHP students receive opportunities to improve their leadership skills and work closely with UT Dallas professors. DMHP program benefits include:

- Smaller class sizes
- Scholarships
- Professional development events
- Community service events
- Travel opportunities
- Honor notation on diploma

Internships and Community Service

All Jindal School undergraduate students must complete an internship and 100 hours of community service in order to graduate. The Jindal School’s fully staffed Career Management Center (CMC), working in tandem with the University’s Career Center, helps students prepare for and seek internships, as well as post-graduation employment. The school’s Undergraduate Programs office directs and coordinates the community service requirement.

Fast-Track Options in the Jindal School

All undergraduate degrees in the Jindal School offer a fast-track option. These programs allow students to earn up to 12 credit hours that can be applied toward a master’s degree. Students with qualifying grades begin the fast-track option in their senior year of their undergraduate program. Fast-track programs require careful course selection and dedication, but can open up opportunities for students who complete the program.

Rankings

- U.S. News & World Report ranks the school’s Full-Time MBA program No. 12 (tied) among public university programs and No. 33 (tied) overall.
- Bloomberg BusinessWeek and U.S. News & World Report rank the Naveen Jindal School of Management’s undergraduate programs among the nation’s top 100 programs.

Degrees Offered

Bachelor of Science: Accounting, business administration, finance, global business, healthcare management, human resource management, information technology and systems, marketing, supply chain management.

The Naveen Jindal School of Management offers a wide array of MS and doctorate degrees. For more information, visit jindal.utexas.edu.