

# Accounting

## Program Highlights:

- Accessible and committed faculty members, an excellent CPA exam pass rate, and a high job placement rate.
- Through a series of two and four credit classes and internships, we prepare you to take the CPA exam in four years, whereas other colleges often require five full years.
- We have added more business-related courses and a business writing/communication course to the traditional accounting track.
- The major includes a finance track that focuses on economics, international finance and corporate financial analysis.
- CSB/SJU graduates score particularly well on the CPA examination because of the strength of the accounting program and our liberal arts focus within the program.
- The Accounting and Finance Club sponsors visits to accounting firms, guest speakers, mock interviews and fun activities.

Exceptional opportunities exist to interview on-campus for internships, summer experience programs and full-time employment.

- We have developed a business simulation course for accounting, economics and management students to work together in teams and see the immediate impact of their business decisions. Guest speakers from a variety of functions within businesses provide additional input to the class.

## Program Overview:

The accounting and finance department's mission is to educate accountants and finance professionals who are prepared for a dynamic and changing world. Here are examples of the types of courses that we offer at CSB/SJU:

Financial Accounting  
Managerial Accounting  
Intermediate I and II Accounting  
Income Tax Accounting  
Operational Auditing

For a complete list of the accounting courses, please visit

our Web site: <http://www.csbsju.edu/accounting/curriculum/default.htm>

## Three different paths to success through our curriculum:

### The CPA preparation track:

We've designed a path that will provide you with the credits and exposure to various disciplines you need; and we can help you achieve the required 150 credit hours in four years, with a few summer or advanced placement credits in the mix.

### The finance track:

We prepare you for careers with a focus on financial analysis, in a variety of industries. If you're interested in the stock market, the impact of interest rate changes and economic indicators, this might be the path for you.

### The accounting track:

This path will give you a broader, more general view of accounting. It is ideal for students who are looking forward to a career in corporate accounting departments or who are planning on exploring entrepreneurial opportunities.

### Examples of Past Internships:

Ernst & Young, L.L.P.  
LarsonAllen Financial, L.L.C.  
Petters Group  
RBC Dain Rauscher  
Zimmer-Spine

### Career Possibilities:

The career opportunities in the accounting and finance fields are extensive, varied and rewarding. This is an unprecedented time of demand for qualified accountants and finance professionals. Interviewers from regional, national, and international companies and public accounting firms recruit at our campuses because they recognize the quality of our students. You can interview on campus for an entry-level position with PricewaterhouseCoopers, Deloitte & Touche, Ernst & Young, KPMG, and national and regional public accounting firms, as well as with companies such as Cargill.

Graduates of CSB and SJU work at all levels of industrial, public accounting, and governmental organizations. Many of our graduates are partners in the largest international CPA firms. In addition, our graduates are partners in other national, regional, and local accounting firms, as well as presidents, vice-presidents, and controllers of a variety of industrial and commercial companies.

- 40 percent of our graduates go into public accounting and work in the audit, tax, or consulting department of a CPA firm.
- One-third go into private accounting and work for large corporations as internal auditors or in accounting departments.
- Others work in governmental accounting, or attend law school and MBA programs.

### Study Abroad Opportunities:

The accounting department highly recommends that students take advantage of our phenomenal study abroad programs. Upon deciding to study abroad, accounting advisers will help you adjust your four-year graduation plan to ensure that you complete the necessary course

work to graduate within four years. In this era where international business is becoming a reality, having the global competency to truly understand and interact with another culture is a key asset.

## Faculty

### Mark Asuzo

Assistant Professor of Management, 2000; B.S., University of Nebraska, 1983; M.S., 1986; Ph.D., State University of New York at Binghamton, 1994.

### Warren Bostrom

Bachelor, SJU, 1991; M.B.T., University of Minnesota, 2004; CPA.

### Quentin Gerber

Visiting Professor of Accounting, 2000; B.S., Northern State University, 1957; M.S., University of North Dakota, 1960; Ph.D., University of Minnesota, 1977.

### Mary Jepperson

Adjunct Instructor in Accounting, 2001; B.A., College of Saint Benedict, 1980; C.P.A., 1980; M.B.A., St. Cloud State University, 2003.

### James O'Meara

Professor of Accounting, 1974; B.S., University of South Dakota, 1962; M.S., University of Minnesota, 1971; C.P.A., 1972.

### Jean Ochu

Associate Professor of Accounting, 1979; B.S., Saint Cloud State University, 1970; M.B.A., 1974; C.P.A.

### Paul Pladson

Professor of Accounting, 1975; B.A., Saint Cloud State University, 1968; M.B.A., 1971; CPA., 1970; P.F.S., 1994.

### Michael Rouse

Associate Professor of Management, 1999; B.A., Binghamton University, 1976; M.B.A., Boston University Graduate School of Management, 1991; D.B.A., 1993.

### Tonya Schmidt

J.P., William Mitchell College of Law, 1997; B.A., University of St. Thomas, 1994; CPA.

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"Our mission is to educate accountants and finance professionals who are prepared for a dynamic and changing world. Students can choose from three different accounting tracks – a CPA track, a finance track, and a general accounting track – depending upon their interests. Our CPA path is designed to be completed within four years with a little hard work. Our curriculum, taught by dedicated and talented faculty, coupled with an excellent liberal arts education, equips CSB/SJU students for an exciting and fulfilling future."

**Mary Jepperson, chair of accounting department.**

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