

# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ACCOUNTING

## General Information

A graduate-level academic certificate in accounting is offered to those wishing to reach the eligibility requirement of 150 credits of coursework to practice as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in California.

This may also appeal to individuals working in accounting who wish to update their knowledge and skills. Students in this program will be able to test the waters before committing to a longer program of study such as the Master of Science in Accountancy (M.S.A.) degree. This program is also appropriate for individuals with accounting degrees from other countries who wish to prepare for the CPA exam by taking courses specific to American accounting regulations.

## Who Can Apply

Individuals with a bachelor's degree, at least a 3.0 undergraduate GPA, and a basic knowledge of financial accounting provided by the Foundation BUS 780 course (or equivalent, e.g., ACCT 100) are eligible to apply for the certificate in accounting.

## Program Features

The certificate offers students flexibility in choosing from a variety of courses in different areas of accounting. The program is held at the San Francisco State University Downtown Campus, close to the financial district with plenty of opportunities for part-time and full-time work.

## Learning Outcomes

Develop key skills to prepare you for the certified public accountancy examination and a professional career in accounting, including:

- Financial Reporting
- Auditing
- Ethics
- Business Law
- Taxation
- Cost Accounting
- Accounting Information Systems

## Certificate in Accounting – 9 units

### Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Select three:		
<a href="#">ACCT 800</a>	Financial Accounting I	3
<a href="#">ACCT 801</a>	Financial Accounting II	3
<a href="#">ACCT 802</a>	Strategic Management Accounting	3
<a href="#">ACCT 803</a>	Auditing Principles and Practice	3
<a href="#">ACCT 804</a>	Legal and Professional Responsibilities in Accounting	3
<a href="#">ACCT 811</a>	Introduction to Federal Tax	3
<a href="#">ACCT 812</a>	Advanced Federal Taxation	3
<a href="#">ACCT 818</a>	Accounting Ethics	3
<a href="#">ACCT 831</a>	Financial Statement Analysis	3

<a href="#">ACCT 848</a>	Seminar in Cost Accounting	3
<a href="#">ACCT 807</a>	Seminar in Accounting Information Systems and Cybersecurity Reporting	3

## How to Apply

Applicants will need to complete the [online application](#) for San Francisco State University's graduate programs (through Cal State Apply). Select "Certificate of Accounting" as your program of choice from the pull-down menu. As part of the application process, applicants will need to submit a resume as well as unofficial transcript(s) from all colleges and universities attended.

## We're Here to Answer Your Questions

### Graduate Advisers

[Professor Theresa Hammond](#)

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