

Associate of Applied Science in Business with emphasis in Accounting

General Education Core Requirements

		Credit Hours
COM 115	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
ECO 155	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ENG 110	Writing I	3
MGT 130	Business Math	3
PLS 101	American Democracy and Citizenship	3
IDS 110	Student Success	1
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Business Core Requirements

CIS 101	Computers for Learning	3
FGB 135	Introduction to Business	3
FGB 280	Introduction to Financial Management	3
FGB 297	International Business (capstone course)	3
MGT 120	Introduction to Management	3
MGT 286	Business Communications	3
QBA 237	Basic Business Statistics	3
RIL 231	Legal Environment of Business	3
		24

Accounting Core Requirements

ACC 201	Introduction to Financial Accounting	3
ACC 209	Accounting Information Systems	3
ACC 211	Introduction to Managerial Accounting	3
ACC 221	Tax Codes, Regulations, and Payroll	3
ACC 241	Intermediate Accounting	3
ACC 299	Internship in Accounting	3
CIS 232	Spreadsheets	3
CIS 242	Database Management	3
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Total Hours Required **64**

Based on 2009-10 Catalog

Students should confirm the transferability of individual courses to other institutions prior to enrollment.

What type of work would I do if I studied accounting?

Students with a business degree emphasizing accounting will be able to obtain jobs at area industries or organizations outside the Certified Public Accountant arena. Jobs in tax services, management consulting and general bookkeeping are not hard to find for these graduates. As a bookkeeper/accounting clerk, these graduates would compute, classify, record and verify numerical data to develop and maintain financial records. Although bookkeeping/accounting clerk jobs are entry level positions requiring at least a high school diploma, a higher level of education such as that offered by an AAS degree will usually be favored over a high school diploma. (*Missouri Occupational Information Coordinating Committee*)

What type of degree will I earn at Missouri State University-West Plains?

Students enrolled in this program will obtain a two-year Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree that will include general education, business and accounting courses. Using a variety of business core courses allows more flexibility in tailoring a program of study to meet community and student needs. The program also includes an internship component which allows students to work in the area of their career choice. This degree puts an emphasis on the technical skills students will need on the job.

What salary can I expect to earn with this degree?

Bookkeepers and accounting clerks in Missouri earned an average annual salary of \$30,410, according to May 2007 data compiled by the Mo. Department of Economic Development and posted on the Missouri Economic Research and Information Center Web site. Bookkeepers and accounting clerks in the south-central Missouri region earned an average salary of \$26,012.

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