DALTON STATE
STUDENT SUCCESS & ADVISING

Program Pathway for
Bachelor of Business Administration in
Accounting
2026-2027

Program Summary

Do you see yourself advising managers and business leaders with making important strategic decisions? Accounting programs prepare students to classify, record, and analyze financial actions of a business. If this sounds interesting to you, our accounting degree program is flexible enough to fit a variety of interests and accounting is the language of business.

Career Options and Outlook

This field is expected to experience rapid growth and is the language of business. An accounting degree will prepare you to become a partner in an accounting firm, pursue a career in finance or corporate management, government agencies, or become an entrepreneur.

Careers also include:

Auditing Clerk
Budget Analyst
Certified Public Accountant
Forensic Accountant

Program Pathway Information

This map is a term-by-term sample course schedule and is a general recommendation. DSC encourages all students to take between 30-33 hours per year to graduate in four years. Learning support requirements may impact schedule. ENGL 1101, 1102, MATH 1101, 1111 are Writing and Mathematics foundation courses. Bold and asterisk (*) courses have been identified as "key courses." It is required that students pass these key courses with a "C" or higher in order to be successful in this program. Please note this includes **ALL** 3000-4000 level business courses. **All upper division accounting courses are offered one time per academic year.** Taking these courses in sequence is critical to prevent delay. 3000-4000 accounting elective courses are offered during the summer, however, no required accounting course will be offered in the summer. An accounting course not required or being used for an accounting elective can be used for an upper division business elective. Upper division business electives may be taken over the summer.

Milestones

First Year Milestone: Complete Writing and Mathematics courses.
Second Year Milestone: Complete BUSA 3301 and Field of Study courses with a 2.25 GPA or higher. Consider joining student organizations (ex. Wright Club).
Third Year Milestone: Consider internships.
Fourth Year Milestone: Submit graduation application by the end of the first term. Complete FINC 3056, MNGT 3051, MARK 3010, LSCM 3251, BUSA 3701 by the end of the first term. Prepare for the CPA exam and any other graduate school programs (MBA or MAcc).

The milestones listed each year are designed to keep you on track to graduate. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with their academic advisor each year to review their progress. Missing course milestones could result in a delay in graduation.

Students are encouraged to differentiate themselves in the marketplace and can do so by completing a minor. All minors in the Wright School of Business are targeted programs aimed to meet workforce needs, improve your marketability, and can be completed quickly.

Suggested Minors

Business Analytics
Forensic Accounting

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Freshman	Fall Semester	Credit	Prerequisite	FR	Spring Semester	Credit	Prerequisite
BUSA 2106	**Environment of Business *+**	3		**BUSA 2201**	**Fund. of Computer Applications*+**	3	Mathematics
COMM 1110	Fundamentals of Speech	3		**ECON 2105**	**Macroeconomics*+**	3	Mathematics
ENGL 1101	**English Composition I ***	3		**ENGL 1102**	**English Composition II ***	3	ENGL 1101
MATH 1101, MATH 1111	**Mathematical Modeling or College Algebra***	3		HIST 2111/12	United States History	3	
POLS 1101	American Government	3		STEM	Science, Technology, or Math Elective	3	Varies
PRSP	Perspectives Course	1	*(required for new freshmen)*				
	Total	**16**			**Total**	**15**	
Sophomore	**Fall Semester**	**Credits**	**Prerequisite**	**SO**	**Spring Semester**	**Credits**	**Prerequisite**
ACCT 2101	**Accounting I ***	3	Mathematics	**ACCT 2102**	**Accounting II ***	3	ACCT 2101
BUSA 2850	**Business Statistics ***	3	BUSA 2201	**BUSA 3301**	**Business Communications***	3	BUSA 2106, COMM 1110, ENGL 1102
Humanities	English Literature Elective	3	CO: ENGL 1102	**ECON 2106**	**Microeconomics ***	3	Mathematics
Social Science	Social Science Elective	3		Humanities	Humanities Elective	3	
STEM	Lab Science Elective	4		STEM	Lab Science Elective	4	
	Total	**16**			**Total**	**16**	
Junior	**Fall Semester**	**Credit**	**Prerequisite**	**JR**	**Spring Semester**	**Credit**	**Prerequisite**
ACCT 3100 (F)	**Intermediate Accounting I ***	3	ACCT 2101, ACCT 2102	**ACCT 3200 (S)**	**Intermediate Accounting II ***	3	ACCT 3100
ACCT 3300 (F)	**Taxation of Individuals ***	3	ACCT 2101, ACCT 2102	**ACCT 3600 (S) OR MGIS 3351**	**Accounting Information Systems OR Management Info. Systems ***	3	ACCT 2101, ACCT 2102 BUSA 2201, COMM 1110, ENGL 1102
BUSA 3531	**Data Cleaning and Visualization ***	3	ACCT 2102, BUSA 2850, ECON 2106	**FINC 3056**	**Principles of Finance ***	3	(CO: BUSA 2850) ACCT 2102, COMM 1110, ECON 2105, ECON 2106, ENGL 1102
BUSA 3701	**Professional Development ***	3	BUSA 3301	**LSCM 3251**	**Principles of Supply Chain Mngt. ***	3	BUSA 2850, COMM 1110, ENGL 1102
MARK 3010	**Principles of Marketing ***	3	BUSA 2106, BUSA 2201, COMM 1110, ECON 2106	**MNGT 3051**	**Principles of Management ***	3	BUSA 2106, COMM 1110, ECON 2105, ENGL 1102
	Total	**15**			**Total**	**15**	
Senior	**Fall Semester**	**Credit**	**Prerequisite**	**SR**	**Spring Semester**	**Credit**	**Prerequisite**
ACCT 4100 (F)	**Intermediate Accounting III ***	3	ACCT 3200	**ACCT 4400 (S)**	**Cost Accounting ***	3	ACCT 2101, ACCT 2102
ACCT 4501 (F)	**Auditing ***	3	ACCT 3200	**ACCT 4300 (S)**	**Taxation of Business ***	3	ACCT 3300
BUSA 3060	**Business Law ***	3	BUSA 2106, ECON 2105, ECON 2106	**Elective**	**Accounting (3000-4000 level) ***	3	
BUSA 3351	**International Business ***	3	BUSA 2106, ECON 2105, ECON 2106	**MNGT 4701**	**Strategic Management ***	3	BUSA 3701, FINC 3056, LSCM 3251, MARK 3010, MNGT 3051
Elective	**Accounting (3000-4000 level) ***	3					
	Total	**15**			**Total**	**12**	

Courses with (F) designates fall only courses, (S) designates spring only, (CO:) designates co-requisite.

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+Momentum Year courses for Wright School of Business

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