

Associate in Applied Science in Accounting

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this degree, students will have enhanced knowledge and gained experience in foundational accounting and business practices such as financial statement analysis, valuation of current assets, depreciation techniques, general ledger and more.

Employment Opportunities or Additional Educational Options

This degree combined with relevant experience can prepare students for employment as a bookkeeper or to transition from SMC to Ferris State University (or other schools) to complete a four-year accounting degree. If you wish to transfer to another four-year program, please contact your advisor to determine specific course requirements at the receiving institution prior to selecting options/electives.

To Learn More About This Program

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Degree Requirements

To earn this degree, students must have an overall GPA of 2.0 higher, complete a minimum of 60 credit hours, and fulfill the course requirements of the program listed below. Students are permitted to complete a higher-level math course than shown below. Each general education course, prerequisite course, internship, and capstone course must be completed with a final grade of "C" or better.

General Education Courses

COMMUNICATIONS

Course ID	Course	Credits
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W	Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits
ENGL 104	Freshman English 3	3 credits
SPEE 102	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 credits

MATHEMATICS

Course ID	Course	Credits
MATH 150	Statistics	4 credits

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Course ID	Course	Credits
ECON 202	Microeconomics	3 credits
ECON 201	Macroeconomics	3 credits

Major-specific Required Courses

Course ID	Course	Credits
EDUC 120	Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit
ACCO 201	Principles of Accounting 1	4 credits
ACCO 202	Principles of Accounting 2	4 credits
ACCO 204	Microcomputer Accounting Applications	3 credits
ACCO 211	Intermediate Accounting 1	4 credits
ACCO 212	Intermediate Accounting 2	4 credits
BUSI 200	Small Business Management	3 credits
BUSI 201	Principles of Management	3 credits
BUSI 207	Business Law 1	3 credits
BUSI 214	Business Communications	3 credits
BUSI 240	Professionalism Workshop	1 credit
ISYS 110	Introduction to Computer Technology	3 credits
ISYS 181	Spreadsheets	3 credits

Complete 3 credits from the list below

Course ID	Course	Credits
ACCO 203	Federal Income Tax	3 credits
ACCO 214	Cost Accounting	3 credits
ACCO 255	Internship	3 credits
BUSI 225	Human Resource Management	3 credits

Total Program Credits: 61

Additional Notes About the A.A.S. in Accounting Program

- A prerequisite course may be needed prior to enrollment in some courses within this program. Specific prerequisite requirements are listed in the Course Description section in the Course Catalog. A summary of the prerequisites are listed below in the Example Course Sequence.
- This program as outlined does not meet MTA requirements. Students interested in the MTA would need one additional social science course, two different natural science courses (one with a lab), and two different humanities courses. Please see an advisor for proper selection of MTA-related courses to ensure proper fulfillment if the MTA is important to you.
- Courses taken out of sequence may delay a student's ability to complete the program in a timely manner. Please consult your advisor regularly.
- Each student should submit a graduation application at least one full semester before he/she plans to graduate.
- This program is subject to change. Students should consult with their advisor for program updates.

Example Course Sequence

The following is a sample of a semester-by-semester approach to completing this program.

FIRST SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required)
EDUC 120 Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
ACCO 201 Principles of Accounting 1	4 credits	BUSI 200 (concurrent enrollment allowed)
BUSI 200 Small Business Management	3 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
ISYS 110 Intro to Computer Technology	3 credits	None
SPEE 102 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 credits	None

SECOND SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required)
ENGL 104 Freshman English 3	3 credits	ENGL 103 or 103W
ACCO 202 Principles of Accounting 2	4 credits	ACCO 201
BUSI 201 Principles of Management	3 credits	BUSI 200
BUSI 240 Professionalism Workshop	1 credit	None
MATH 150 Statistics	4 credits	MATH 101, MATH 102, or test score

THIRD SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required)
ACCO 204 Microcomputer Accounting Applications	3 credits	ACCO 201 and ISYS 110
ACCO 211 Intermediate Accounting 1	4 credits	ACCO 202
BUSI 214 Business Communications	3 credits	BUSI 200; ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W
ECON 202 Microeconomics	3 credits	MATH 101, MATH 102, or test score
ISYS 181 Spreadsheets	3 credits	ISYS 110

FOURTH SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required)
ACCO 212 Intermediate Accounting 2	4 credits	ACCO 211
BUSI 207 Business Law 1	3 credits	None. BUSI 200 recommended
ECON 201 Macroeconomics	3 credits	MATH 101, MATH 102, or test score
ACCO or BUSI Elective Choice	3 credits	See Course Descriptions for Details