



The Charles F. Dolan School of Business



Accounting



Accounting at Fairfield

The accounting program in the Charles F. Dolan School of Business offers you an innovative program that provides a broad liberal education, an integrated approach to business studies, and a strong technical foundation.

Our faculty take a personal interest in helping you fulfill your personal potential and facilitate your professional development.

Students are introduced to members of the business community through participation in the Accounting Club activities and through Beta Alpha Psi, the honor society for accounting majors and minors.

Fairfield is favorably located in an area where many Fortune 500 companies have their headquarters and is just 50 miles from the world financial centers in New York City. Internships with international accounting firms, corporations, or not-for-profit organizations in the area add a valuable real-world dimension to our innovative curriculum.

The **four-year accounting program** prepares you with a solid professional foundation for careers in accounting. Qualifying students may elect to pursue the MBA with a concentration in accounting or taxation, the M.S. in accounting, or the M.S. in taxation. These programs provide you with an excellent foundation for a career in public accounting and will qualify you to take the certified public accountant examination in Connecticut and many other states.

The Charles F. Dolan School of Business is accredited by AACSB. AACSB accreditation represents the highest standard of achievement for business schools worldwide and is the hallmark of excellence in management education. This accreditation confirms our commitment to quality and continuous improvement through a rigorous and comprehensive peer review.

Gregory Burke

Major: Accounting major



"I came to Fairfield unsure of exactly what I wanted out of my education. My first semester accounting professor took me under her wing and has been a constant mentor ever since.

Fairfield University's liberal arts and business curriculum are not only preparing me to succeed in the business world, but also challenging me to think for myself. This integration is aiding me to grow as a whole person, and the faculty encourage this development. The accounting faculty members are top-notch and have taken a personal interest in me as their student. It means a lot to me that they take an interest in who I am, and not just in relaying information for their students to learn."

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Course of Study



As an undergraduate at Fairfield University you must fulfill general education core requirements that provide the foundation of a liberal education by introducing you to five major areas of knowledge.

These are outlined in the course catalog. In addition, as a student in the Charles F. Dolan School of Business, you complete the business core that includes the following courses.

- Introduction to Financial Accounting
- Introduction to Managerial Accounting
- Introduction to Information Systems
- Introduction to Finance
- Introduction to Management in Organizations
- Principles of Marketing
- Introduction to Operations Management
- Legal Environment of Business
- Business Strategies in the Global Environment
- Microeconomics and Macroeconomics
- Business Ethics

To fulfill the accounting major, you must complete the following six courses and maintain a 2.5 quality point average in your accounting classes:

- Intermediate Accounting I and II
- Advanced Accounting
- Cost Management
- Auditing
- Federal Income Taxation I

Among the electives that can be chosen to add breadth or depth to your major are:

- Accounting Information Systems
- Federal Income Taxation II
- Law of Contracts, Property, and Business Organizations

Internships and Honors

Our ideal location offers a dynamic mix of internship opportunities. Qualified students also have the opportunity to join Fairfield's chapter of the Beta Alpha Psi honor society.

Life After Fairfield

Many of our accounting majors have taken positions with large international accounting firms after graduation. Others have gone into investment banking, the securities industry, and other corporate accounting positions.

Those who choose to pursue graduate studies have entered top-flight business schools, including Fairfield's MBA and M.S. programs.

Likewise, those who opt to attend law school have been admitted to prestigious law schools including the University of Connecticut, New York University, Suffolk University, and Boston University.

Faculty

All full-time faculty have excellent academic qualifications as well as professional certification. Their academic and research specialties are as follows:



Joan Van Hise, chair

Bruce M. Bradford, CPA

D.B.A., University of Memphis
Financial accounting, capital markets research

Paul Caster, CPA (Inactive)

Ph.D., University of North Texas
Auditing, behavioral research

Michael P. Coyne, CPA

Ph.D., University of Connecticut
Financial Accounting, critical accounting, and behavioral research

Ahmed M. Ebrahim, CPA

Ph.D., Rutgers University
Financial accounting, auditing, international accounting

Dawn Massey, CPA

Ph.D., University of Connecticut
Financial accounting, ethics and pedagogical research

Milo W. Peck, Jr., CPA

J.D., Suffolk University;
LL.M., Boston University
Taxation, governmental accounting

Patricia M. Poli, CPA

Ph.D., New York University
Financial accounting, international accounting

Joan Van Hise, CPA

Ph.D., New York University
Financial accounting, ethics, pedagogical research

Real-World Education

The accounting major and business core are designed to give you the wider scope that is invaluable whether your career is in public, corporate, or not-for-profit accounting. Case studies, student team projects,

internships, visiting lecturers from corporations and government agencies, and the business experience of faculty members all contribute to putting you in touch with the problems and challenges of today's business environment.