



### **B.S. IN BUSINESS (ACCOUNTING/FINANCIAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS CONCENTRATION)**

The Bachelor of Science in Business degree program, with a concentration in Accounting/Financial Information Systems, is designed to provide undergraduate students proficiency and knowledge in the fields of accounting and finance. The program focuses on the development of skills in the application and use of financial information. Additionally, it encourages the development of other professional skills in leadership, teamwork, communication and technology.

The Accounting/Financial Information Systems concentration is designed for individuals who want to pursue the Certified Public Accounting (CPA) designation, and for students who are interested in the Certified Financial Management (CFM) or the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) designation. In Indiana, students who wish to pursue the CPA are required to continue their studies beyond the bachelor's degree. Students may continue with the Master's of Business Administration (MBA) degree or Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Accounting (PBCA) programs in order to fulfill these requirements.

### **DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

Completion of the B.S. in Business requires 120 credit hours and a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average, as well as specific degree and course requirements.

### **COURSEWORK**

General Education Courses:

- Communication
- Mathematics & Statistics
- Social/Behavioral Studies
- Computer Sciences
- Cultural & Historical Studies
- Ethics & Logic
- Natural Science
- Career Planning & Diversity Workplace
- Personal Finance

Core Business Courses:

- Accounting & Finance
- Marketing & Operations
- International Business
- Teamwork & Leadership
- Information Technology

By taking the appropriate series of courses, students may also complement their business studies with a minor in an area such as communications, pre-law or computer information systems.

Students should consult with the department for additional information concerning prerequisites, course content and academic counseling.

### **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

The School of Business and Economics (SOBE) provides the highest quality business education to students in Northwest Indiana. The School is accredited by AACSB International, the premier accreditation body for schools of business. AACSB accreditation is widely regarded as the highest level of accreditation for business schools. Only 15 percent of business schools domestically, and less than five percent of business schools internationally, earn this prestigious certification of quality.

Financial management concepts are taught in the School's Wall Street on Broadway Trading Floor, Northwest Indiana's only fully simulated stock-trading program.

Full-time professors teach the majority of business and economics classes, supplemented by outstanding business professionals who teach part-time in their respective areas of expertise.

### **WHAT CAN I DO WITH A B.S. IN ACCOUNTING/FINANCIAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS?**

Students can use their degrees to start careers in various industries, including banking, financial services, public accounting, government, financial services, and healthcare.

Students may also apply in their senior year to take the CFM or CMA exam upon receipt of their degrees.

### **HANDS-ON LEARNING**

Through the Assessment Center, students engage in work-related simulations that allow them to see what it is like to work in a professional setting. Their performance is evaluated by local business leaders.

Students participate in service-learning opportunities through the facilitation of small business projects with companies and agencies within the community. And, students in upper-level accounting courses are recruited as volunteers, trained by the Internal Revenue Service, and supervised by faculty for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, to provide income tax assistance for low-income and elderly persons at no charge.

### **CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES**

The School sponsors a chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, the International Business Honor Society. The School also engages students on the Dean's Student Advisory Board and encourages activities with local, state, and national organizations, such as the Indiana CPA Society and the Institute of Management Accountants.

### **RELATED DEGREE OPTIONS**

- Minor in Accounting (for non-business students)
- B.S. in Business (Business Administration concentration)
- Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Accounting (PBCA)
- Master's of Business Administration (MBA)

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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