

## SDSU ACCOUNTANCY:

Working successfully in today's organization means working as part of a team -- a team of diverse, forward-thinking individuals constantly striving to deliver fully integrated client solutions in an atmosphere of continuous learning.

In the Charles W. Lamden School of Accountancy, we prepare students for a life-time of continuous, self-directed learning. Whether they choose public accounting or accounting positions leading to financial management in business or industry, they are well prepared for the real world. Our faculty enjoys a national reputation for its innovations in accounting education and its contribution to the body of knowledge in accounting, auditing, and taxation.

"The [program] is a lesson in leadership. It teaches students to take charge of their actions, to work together as a team, and to overcome difficult obstacles and to achieve 'unobtainable' goals."

– Former student

## VISION:

To provide quality professional accounting education for the people of the region and to be a positive force in the advancement of accounting and society.

## CORE VALUES:

Excellence. Academic rigor. Advancement of the accounting profession. Collegiality. Comprehensive Stakeholder Involvement. Search for new partnerships and relationships. Progress and continued improvement.

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## Accounting Program



## MISSION:

The Charles W. Lamden School of Accountancy at San Diego State University is committed to helping students realize their full potential as business professionals and contributing members of society. The School strives to offer innovative accounting education that is attuned to the needs of our community. Our professors understand and respect diversity, and are committed to team-work, continuous improvement, and scholarship informed by developments in business and society.

*The Charles W. Lamden School of Accountancy is fully accredited by AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. In 1982, The School was the first accredited accounting program in the state of California.*



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## IMMERSION IN ACCOUNTING EDUCATION:

Generally, a student's experience is a totally new experience in education. He or she learns both individual responsibility and the excitement of teaming together to accomplish challenging objectives. The level and volume of work is not trivial. Students are challenged by the integration of technical content and the development of expanded skills and competencies that are integral to success in business. We expect our students' best effort, but they learn to expect no less of themselves.

## POSSIBLE CAREER PATHS:

**Accounting Information Systems (AIS)** Students develop the knowledge and skills to become accountants with expertise in information systems and business process management. The career path is for students interested in pursuing careers in AIS related positions in internal audit, assurance services, information technology auditing, and consulting. The specialization prepares students to take the Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) exam, the Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) exam, and the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam.

**Financial Reporting (FR)** Students develop a framework for financial reporting grounded in the principles of measurement, disclosure, control, and assurance. Students also have the flexibility to explore topics such as financial statement analysis, accounting theory and research, accounting information systems, corporate finance, and assurance services that transcend traditional financial statement audits. This career path is for students interested in pursuing financial reporting careers in assurance services and corporate industry, although it is flexible enough to allow students to customize their graduate accounting coursework to meet specific career objectives. This specialization prepares students to take the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam, Certified Management Accountant (CMA) exam, and Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) exam.

**Taxation (TAX)** Students develop knowledge and skills in tax compliance and planning for individuals, corporations, partnerships (and other business entities), multistate taxation, international taxation, tax research, and financial reporting for income taxes. This career path is for students interested in pursuing taxation related careers in public accounting firms and corporate industry. This specialization prepares students to take the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam and Enrolled Agent (EA) exam.

## Extended Competencies

### TRADITIONAL ACCOUNTING

Intermediate Financial Accounting  
I (Acctg 331) & II (Acctg 334)

Federal Income Tax (Acctg 332)

Accounting Information Systems  
(Acctg 333)

Auditing (Acctg 431)

Cost & Managerial  
Accounting (Acctg 432)

Written Communication Skills

Use of Technology

Critical Thinking Skills

Team Building &  
Team Collaboration

Independent Learning &  
Decision Making

Oral Communication

"Thank You" ... My sacrifices were minimal compared to the benefits I received. This semester has been life changing. You challenged me like I have never been before. I thank you for tapping into my potential and for encouraging me to do my best." – Former student