

Department of Accounting and Finance Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Accounting and Finance of the Joseph M. Bryan School of Business and Economics is (1) to provide high quality programs of education for accounting and finance majors at the undergraduate and graduate levels, (2) to provide high quality courses to support the UNCG and Bryan School educational missions as they relate accounting and finance to global processes, sustainable enterprise, innovation and ethical awareness, (3) to stimulate and support high quality research, scholarship, and publication, (4) to provide service, largely through committee representation to the University, the Bryan School, the Department, the academic accounting and finance communities, and the accounting profession, and (5) to foster faculty interaction with the public in ways which enhance the common good.

Bachelor of Science in Accounting Program The B.S. with a major in accounting program provides a foundation for careers in industry as well as entry into graduate-level studies in areas such as accounting, finance, law and business administration. Students interested in pursuing licensure as a Certified Public Accountant should note that the B.S. program does not provide complete preparation for the Certified Public Accountant examination. That preparation requires subsequent graduate-level study. The B.S. with a major in accounting builds upon the broad education of UNCG undergraduate students through providing basic competence in accounting sufficient for entry-level positions. The program highlights exposure to accounting's place within the scope of ethical life in a manner responsive to contemporary problems that face the accounting profession.

Master of Science in Accounting Program The mission of the Master of Science in Accounting Degree Program (MSA), the graduate program of the Department of Accounting and Finance, is to provide an opportunity for students to pursue intensive studies in accounting and related subjects. The program also provides students with a foundation for successful careers in public accounting and industry and serves as the department's primary vehicle for preparing students to seek qualifications such as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

Bachelor of Science in Finance Program The B.S. in Finance prepares students for careers in corporate finance, financial management and financial services in the private, government and non-profit sectors. The major develops students' understanding of the theory, organization, and operation of the financial system from both a market and a managerial viewpoint. Students are expected to develop the analytical abilities and problem solving-skills needed to identify business problems and opportunities and to use a wide variety of skills to develop solutions to these problems.