ACCOUNTING (BBA)

General Undergraduate Admission Requirements

All applicants must meet the general admission requirements for Concordia University Chicago undergraduate programs as published in the Concordia University Chicago academic catalog.

New students are accepted into undergraduate degree-seeking programs for online (ADP) and on-campus (Traditional) study in the fall and spring semesters. If you have any questions please work with your admissions advisors.

Accounting Business Core

Modality: Face-to-Face

Code	Title	Hours
ACC-2050	Financial Accounting	
ACC-2150	Managerial Accounting	
BIA-2200	Business Intelligence	
BUS-1001	Survey of Business (Incoming Freshman Only)	
ENT-2031	Creating Breakthrough Innovations	
FIN-4200	Finance	
ECO-2102	Principles of Microeconomics	
MAT-2000	Statistics	
MAT-2400	Calculus for Business and Life Sciences	
or MAT-1805	College Algebra	
MGT-2011	Contemporary Business Law	
MGT-2100	Principles of Management	
MGT-3100	Business Ethics	
MGT-4070	Capstone: Strategic Management	
MKT-2200	Marketing: From Principles to Digital Practice	
Total Hours		39

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
ACC-3100	Intermediate Accounting I	
ACC-3200	Intermediate Accounting II	
ACC-4200	Advanced Accounting	
ACC-4300	Individual Tax Accounting	
ACC-4400	Business Tax Accounting	
ACC-4610	Auditing (Total Hours)	
Total Hours		18

The total hours for the program is 120 credits. This includes general education, electives and major requirements above.

Additional Information Regarding the CPA Examination

Students who wish to sit for the CPA are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor early. Information regarding Illinois CPA requirements can be found on the Illinois Board of Examiners website. Students should be aware of the differentiating state requirements for preparing for the CPA. CUC offers a comprehensive accounting program that prepares students to sit for the CPA Exam. New rule changes effective 1/1/24, allow a student to sit for the CPA exam with 120 credit hours, (previously a candidate needed 150 credit hours to sit for the exam). It should be noted that the new rules still require a candidate, who successfully passes all parts of the Exam, to have earned 150 credit hours to receive their actual CPA Licensure. UC offers several options including an MBA in Accounting fulfill this requirement.

Accounting Hours: 30 semester credit hours in accounting that include Managerial Accounting, Financial Accounting, Taxation, Audit, 3 semester credit hours in Business Communication, and 3 semester credit hours in Business Ethics.

Strongly recommend General Elective if planning to sit for CPA exam

Code	Title	Hours
ACC-4500	Cost Accounting	3
ACC-4700	Accounting in Not-for-Profit Organizations	3

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Here are the requirements to obtain your CPA license:

Starting Jan. 1, 2027, new legislation (https://www.icpas.org/about-us/press/press-releases-all/2025/08/15/governor-signs-bill-adding-pathways-to-cpa-licensure-in-illinois/) allows for more flexibility and reduces barriers to becoming a licensed CPA in Illinois, while still preserving the value and integrity of the credential. The pathway options include:

- **Current: 150 credit hours** (including a bachelor's degree); pass all four sections of the CPA exam; pass an Ethics exam; and complete **one year** of relevant work experience.
- **New: Bachelor's degree** with the required concentration in accounting; pass all four sections of the CPA exam; pass an Ethics exam; and complete **two years** of relevant work experience.
- **New: Master's degree** with the required concentration in accounting; pass all four sections of the CPA exam; pass an Ethics exam; and complete **one year** of relevant work experience.
- There are now 3 pathways available to obtain your CPA license. The existing 150-credit-hour pathway is still in place. The current 150 rule is still in place, but they added two new pathways starting 1/1/2027. CUC offers several options including an MBA in Accounting to fulfill this requirement.

Graduation Requirements

Students in the College of Business must meet all University requirements found in the Academic Information section of this catalog. Specific requirements of the College of Business include:

- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 for all coursework completed at Concordia University Chicago.

- A minimum GPA of 2.0 for each course taken in a major at Concordia University Chicago.
- A minimum grade requirement of C (not C-) or higher for each course taken as part of major coursework or the business core.
- All administrative obligations to CUC must be cleared in order to prompt the release of CUC transcripts and diploma(s).
- In addition to satisfying the overall minimum credits for a given degree, major, minor, and/or special program such as Concordia Honors Program or Pre-Seminary Program, additional course requirements may be required. Deficiency in any area of the program will delay awarding the degree and require a new intent to graduate form be filed in alignment with completion of requirements. Students may elect to drop minors or other programs if they present an obstacle for graduation, however, the term assigned to awarding degrees will be consistent with the term the program change is submitted. Please note, students are subject to additional fees for subsequent intent forms.
- No course in a major may be taken on the Pass/Fail grade option.