AACSB Accreditation

Our College of Business is Among the Top 5% Worldwide

AACSB accreditation means that our College of Business has met a rigorous set of standards. The faculty, students, programs, and research have been closely examined and judged to be of an exceptionally high caliber. AACSB accreditation means that our College of Business has proven to be among the best in business education anywhere in the world. This quality is recognized around the globe by top employers, other universities, and recruiters. Graduates from AACSB-accredited schools are recognized and generally receive higher, more competitive salaries.

Program Description

The B.S. in Accounting program at the University of New Haven will teach you how to gather, process, and analyze the numbers that are crucial to the success of businesses, business owners, and other individuals. The program resides on a strong base of theory, with an equally strong focus on the principles and procedures that generate the information decision-makers need.

Your learning will be completely reality-based because before our faculty members taught accounting, they practiced it. Also, we match each student with a full-time faculty member for one-on-one mentoring on course selection, career choices, and placement.

You will have up-to-the-minute resources at your disposal: cutting-edge library services, which include the latest accounting, tax, business, and legal web-based services — the ones widely used in today's workplaces and in graduate research.

We offer three directions for your degree: B.S. in Accounting with an emphasis on financial accounting; B.S. in Accounting — corporate accounting track; and B.S. in Accounting with a minor in criminal justice. The last is thanks to our strong relationship with the University's Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences.

Sample Courses

- ACCT 2220  Intermediate Financial Accounting I
- ACCT 2221  Intermediate Financial Accounting II
- ACCT 2250  Accounting Information Systems
- ACCT 3323  Cost Accounting
- ACCT 4422  Intermediate Financial Accounting III
- ACCT 4431  Advanced Financial Accounting
- ACCT 4433  Auditing and Assurance Services
- ACCT 4435  Federal Income Taxation I
- ACCT 4436  Federal Income Taxation II
- ECON 2200  Global Economy
Experiential Education

Because experience-based learning is a hallmark of the University of New Haven, the opportunities for students to discover an interest in a field and gain experience in it are endless here. Each experience has both immediate and far-reaching effects. Immediate in that students learn while they are doing, and far-reaching, not only because they bring their acquired expertise to a future job, but also because they have the chance to build a professional network whose connections can last a career lifetime.

There are four pillars of experiential learning at the University: study abroad, faculty-mentored research, academic service-learning, and internships.

Accounting majors interested in studying abroad can do so in the spring semester of their junior year. Many of our students study abroad at the University’s breathtaking satellite campus in Tuscany, Italy. Those looking for a more short-term experience can participate in one of our two-week faculty-led programs. Small groups of students travel with their faculty member and explore another culture and country through their coursework engagement, earning six credits in the process.

Accounting students shine in the local community as well. Many of them engage in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, preparing actual tax returns. Coordinated by the IRS, VITA provides free tax preparation services for low-income individuals and families.

Internships are another major part of our accounting students’ education, and the value of interning at a reputable company simply cannot be overestimated. The real world, with its make-or-break deadlines, is the most challenging school there is, but the rewards are many and great.

Faculty Highlights

Mike Rolleri
Associate Professor of Accounting
MBA with emphasis on accounting, University of Connecticut, 1977
Certified Public Accountant
Chartered Global Management Accountant

“My academic passion is teaching undergraduate students to become accountants. I give them the opportunity to learn those skills necessary to get a job in the field as soon as they graduate. To do that, I continually make sure that I am current with accounting principles and practices. I communicate with accountants in both public accounting and corporate to see what skills they want in entry-level accountants. Feedback received over the years about my program has been consistently favorable. Many of my former students are partners in accounting firms of various sizes, CEOs, and chief financial officers. I am very proud of our program and our graduates. The University of New Haven is well represented in the accounting profession in Connecticut and other states as well.”

Xinyi Lu
Assistant Professor of Accounting
Ph.D. in Management Science with a concentration in accounting, University of Texas, 2010
MBA, Lanzhou University, China, 2003
B.A. in Accounting, Northwest Normal University, China, 1996

“I am fascinated with accounting because of its role in the business world — providing information to help interested parties such as managers, investors, creditors, and regulators make sound decisions. Being an accountant does not mean working a dull job and crunching numbers all day! My goal is to help students understand accounting’s role in the business world. For students choosing accounting as a profession, my objective is to help them gain the requisite knowledge and skills critical for success in the field. While teaching is my top priority, I keep active in research. Currently, I am interested in examining factors affecting the quality of accounting information. I find that the University of New Haven is the ideal place for me because it calls on me to be both a dedicated teacher and an active scholar.”
Alumni Profile

**Jeff Stein**

*B.S., Accounting, ’10  
MBA, ’13  
Senior Analyst,  
Business Controls  
Sikorsky Aircraft*

“During my time at the University of New Haven, I learned that you will generally get as much out of your career as you put into it. I credit much of my success at the University and, subsequently, in the early stages of my career, to the faculty in the Accounting Department because they were always willing to provide guidance and support and challenged me to take on as much responsibility as I could handle (and sometimes more than I thought I could handle). Also, I was always looking for opportunities to get involved with activities that would make me a stronger leader and develop my soft skills, which is how I ended up becoming a member of the Accounting Society. After my first semester, I took on the role of Secretary and, later on, President.

Through my experiences with the Accounting Society, I was able to become a Campus Representative with Becker CPA Review and a Campus Representative for the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants, which allowed me to grow my professional network and become a much stronger candidate for internship positions. The Career Services Office was a tremendous source of information and a great place to seek guidance and support when applying for internships. I was accepted to, and successfully completed, two paid work experiences — a six-month co-op with Pratt & Whitney and a year-long internship with a local public accounting firm. Having the experiential component to my education was a fantastic benefit to my professional growth, and it was nice to receive a regular paycheck while I was in school. Although I graduated in 2010, which was a difficult time to be entering the labor market due to the economic downturn, I was successful in obtaining a full-time position when many others were unable to do the same.

Now that I have been a professional in the accounting/finance field for over five years, I can honestly attribute my ability to multitask, remain flexible, and create positive outcomes in my career to the learning experiences I had while I was a student at the University of New Haven.”

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Internships

Students can obtain a wealth of knowledge from books, lectures, and guest speakers; however, a more complete knowledge can be acquired by having students enter the workforce and assume responsibilities that will help to develop their business management skills and acumen.

The University of New Haven considers internships to be a critical component of the educational process. We strive to successfully match an intern with the most appropriate work environment. We understand that all three parties in the internship relationship — the University of New Haven, the student, and the internship location — need to devote significant time to make it work. This balancing act, when achieved, results in a quality internship that can lead to developing a strong future employee.

These are just some of the high-profile companies at which our accounting students have interned:

- Marcum LLP
- McGladrey & Pullen
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Deloitte Touche
- KPMG
- Thompson Reuters Eikon
- Sikorsky
- Aetna
- The Hartford

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- **76% of employers** indicate that their primary purpose for sponsoring interns is to recruit entry-level talent.
- **83% of employers** report higher retention rates for those new hires with internship experience versus those with no experience.

**Graduate School**

The demands of the University of New Haven’s accounting program are rigorous but highly rewarding. Students are expected to produce a high-quality, professional-standard work product to prepare for the demands of graduate-level studies. Students can choose to continue their education at the University by studying for a master’s degree in accounting.
Why Choose the University of New Haven for Accounting?

1. **You can take the CPA exam in four years instead of five.** As an undergraduate accounting major here, you can take as many as 36 academic credit hours in accounting education. This meets or exceeds the academic hour requirement to take the Certified Public Accountant exam in most states. So, you acquire all the accounting credits you need in four years, instead of having to complete a fifth year, as many schools require.

2. **You can go for your CMA credential as a senior.** If you’re interested in corporate accounting, those 36 credit hours in accounting education also give you a jumpstart toward attaining your Certified Managerial Accountant credential. In other words, you start the process early — in your senior year.

3. **We provide a pathway to an exciting cross-disciplinary career in criminal justice.** Bringing in Al Capone on tax evasion in 1931 was probably the most notorious case of forensic accounting, i.e. fraud accounting, until Bernie Madoff shot to infamy. Want to make it your career? Then you’ll combine your accounting coursework with courses from our world-renowned Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences. You’ll receive training in investigation, white-collar crime, and financial crimes. You can even go the forensic psychology route if delving into the criminal mind intrigues you. We also offer many minors and certificates in these areas to add credentials to your diploma. Your timing for these fields couldn’t be better, due to the explosion of white-collar crime, terrorism, security fraud, insurance fraud identity theft, computer crime, government corruption, and tax evasion.

4. **Your instructors don’t just teach accounting. They’ve done accounting.** You’ll be learning from people who are not only cutting-edge scholars, but who also have years of experience in their field. They’ll have learned the ropes in the corporate accounting world or public accounting firms, working in auditing, financial account, and taxation. Or, they’ll be attorneys who have dug down deep into taxation and business law.

5. **You’ll engage in an internship that reflects your interests.** An internship is a critical part of your career strategy. We strive to match you with a work environment that’s well-suited to your unique abilities and interests. A successful internship will give you the confidence you need to hit the ground running when you start working full time.

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**About Us**

The University of New Haven, founded in 1920 on the campus of Yale University in cooperation with Northeastern University, is a private, coeducational university situated on the coast of southern New England. It’s a diverse and vibrant community of more than 6,800 students, the majority of whom reside in University housing, with campuses around the country and around the world.

Within its five colleges – College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts, and Tagliatela College of Engineering – the University offers more than 100 academic programs, all grounded in a long-standing commitment to collaborative, interdisciplinary, project-based learning. Students immerse themselves in a transformative, career-focused education across the liberal arts and sciences, fine arts, business, engineering, public safety, and public service.

The University moved to its current West Haven campus in 1960 and opened its Orange Campus in January 2014. The University operates a satellite campus in Tuscany, Italy, and offers programs at several locations throughout Connecticut and in San Francisco and New Mexico. Students have access to hundreds of study abroad programs worldwide. The University competes in 17 varsity sports in the NCAA Division II’s highly competitive Northeast-10 Conference.

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