Accounting is the analyzing and recording of financial transactions, the summarizing of financial data in financial statements and reports, the interpretation of financial data for decision making, the development of budgets for future planning, the determination of taxes and tax planning, the auditing of records and development of systems to verify financial activity, and the internal control of the activity being examined. The accounting major will prepare students for the application of skills to any entity of economic activity such as a business, a government, a charity, or an individual. The purpose of accounting is to provide relevant information to decision makers, managers, investors, creditors, labor unions, government regulators, and others interested in the financial well-being and future of the entity.

**Career Areas/Job Titles:**

**Management and Industry**
- Loan Officer Administrator
- Underwriter
- Credit Manager
- Personal Financial Planner
- International Accountant
- Controller
- Financial Investment Analyst
- Consumer Credit Officer
- Commercial Banker
- Stock Broker
- Inventory Control Specialist
- Systems Analyst
- Certified Public Accountant

**Non-Profit/Advocacy**
- Environmental Accounting

**Government/Politics**
- FBI Agent
- IRS Investigator
- Auditor
- Budget Analyst
- Tax Attorney

**Education**
- Researcher
- Professor
- Financial Consultant
- Employment Agency Counselor
- Financial Aid Director

**Transferrable Skills:**

- Basic Computer/Tech Skills
- Written Communication
- Verbal Communication
- Listening Skills
- Adaptability/Flexibility
- Managing Time/Stress
- Analytical/Critical Thinking
- Problem Solving
- Forecasting/Predicting
- Gathering Information
- Attention to Detail
- Organization Skills
- Strategic Planning/Visioning
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Data Analysis

*Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.*

**Professional Links:**

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants: [http://www.aicpa.org/BecomeACPA/Pages/BecomeaCPA.aspx](http://www.aicpa.org/BecomeACPA/Pages/BecomeaCPA.aspx)
- The Institute of Internal Auditors: [http://www.theiia.org/](http://www.theiia.org/)

*This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here: [http://ccss.osu.edu](http://ccss.osu.edu)