**Accounting**

**What is Accounting?**

Accounting is the process of recording financial transactions that pertain to a business. Accountants are responsible for determining an organization's overall wealth, profitability, and liquidity. Individuals identify, measure, analyze, and report these transactions to other agencies, regulators, and tax collection entities. Accounting is necessary for decision making, cost planning, and measurement of economic performance for any business. This degree provides a foundation for careers in business-related fields such as management, marketing, banking and finance, and law.

**LAMC Degrees & Certificates Offered:**

* **Associates of Arts (AA)** Accounting

**Areas of Interest**

* Data analysis
* Following a set of procedures and routines
* Working with data and details
* Working on projects
* Creating projects

**Skills**

* Active listening
* Critical thinking
* Organization skills
* Time management
* Attention to detail
* Mathematical and deductive reasoning
* Team work

**Transfer Related Majors**

**CSU Dominguez Hills**: Business Administration (Accounting)

**CSU Northridge:** Accountancy

**CSU Los Angeles:** Business Administration (Accounting)

**CSU Long Beach:** Business Administration (Accounting)

**UC Irvine:** BusinessAdministration (Accounting)

**UC Santa Barbara:** Economics and Accounting

**University of Southern California:** Business & Accounting

**Potential Job Titles**

* Accountant
* Auditing clerk
* Booking
* Budget analyst
* Credit analyst
* Cost Estimators
* Financial Examiners
* Logistics Analysts
* Payroll manager
* Revenue agent
* Tax preparer

**Potential Employers**

* Accounting firms
* Banks
* Business owners
* Hospitals
* Insurance companies
* Political parties
* Schools
* State and local agencies
* Universities and colleges

**Work Environment**

* Work long hours under considerable pressure
* Some travel
* Indoor work in offices
* Mostly sitting in meetings and while working at computers
* Some standing for conversations and presentations

**Earnings:**

Earning can vary by occupation and experience. The following are average annual wages as of 2019 in California based on *California Career Zone* <https://www.cacareerzone.org/>

**Helpful Resources:**

* LAMC Career Center: [www.lamission.edu/careercenter](http://www.lamission.edu/careercenter)
* CSU Majors: degrees.calstate.edu
* UC Majors: admission.universityofcalifornia.edu
* Career Exploration: cacareerzone.org

For more detailed guidance on degrees, or career advice, you can contact the LAMC  
Career Center at [**careercenter@lamission.edu**](mailto:careercenter@lamission.edu).