

ACCOUNTING MINOR (RSM-MN-001)

Students can begin declaring this version of the Accounting minor at the start of Fall 2026. Students who declared the Accounting minor prior to Fall 2026 and would like to switch to this new version of the Accounting minor are welcome to do so but they cannot move back to the old version of the minor.

The [Accounting minor](#) at the Rady School of Management provides a high-quality education for students seeking a professional career in accounting. The minor meets the interests of those students who understand the related importance of accounting in other career tracks such as finance, investment, project management, operations, entrepreneurship and general management.

UCSD undergraduates on the Accounting minor pathway are welcome to explore the [Junior Application](#) pathway for the [Masters of Professional Accountancy \(MPAc\) program](#) at the Rady School of Management. The Junior Application process allows highly qualified UC undergraduates in their junior year to be identified early for conditional nomination to the MPAc program beginning the following Fall quarter. For more information, contact Rady's Graduate Admissions at radygradadmissions@ucsd.edu.

The Accounting minor can be combined with any major or minor.

To assist with your planning and to review course descriptions, click on the course's title on [Rady's Tentative Schedule of Classes](#) on Rady's undergraduate webpage.

Important Policies:

- All courses must be taken for a *letter grade* and passed with a grade of C- or better. Students must finish the minor with an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- Students may overlap 8 upper division units between their major and minor. There is no restriction for overlapping lower-division units.
- Upper-division courses are not permitted to overlap between minors. Only lower-division courses are permitted to overlap.
- A minimum of 5 courses for the Accounting minor must be taken at UC San Diego.
 - If you are a current student and took a managerial accounting course outside of UC San Diego and it is not applying as MGT-005 on your degree audit, submit a [Rady petition](#) to request course equivalency. If you took a financial accounting course outside of UC San Diego and it is not applying as ECON-004 on your degree audit, send a VAC message to the Economics Department to request course equivalency.

LOWER DIVISION CORE: 2 COURSES (8 UNITS)

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	PRE-REQUISITES	QUARTER(S) TYPICALLY OFFERED
MGT-045	Principles of Accounting	<i>None</i>	Fall, Winter, Spring
MGT-005	Managerial Accounting	<i>None</i>	Fall, Winter, Spring

UPPER DIVISION CORE: 3 COURSES (12 UNITS)

To stay on track for graduation, we recommend students start the upper-division sequence no later than Winter quarter of their junior year. If not, you may need to take Summer Session courses.

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	PRE-REQUISITES	QUARTER(S) TYPICALLY OFFERED
MGT-131A	Intermediate Accounting A	<i>MGT-045 (or ECON/MGT-004) AND MGT-005</i>	Fall, Winter
MGT-131B	Intermediate Accounting A	<i>MGT-131A</i>	Spring
MGT-137	Financial Statement Analysis	<i>MGT-045 OR BOTH ECON/MGT-004 and MGT-005</i>	Fall, Winter, Spring

ELECTIVES: 2 COURSES (8 UNITS)

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	PRE-REQUISITES	QUARTER(S) TYPICALLY OFFERED
MGT-132	Auditing	<i>MGT-131B</i>	Fall, Spring
MGT-133	Advanced Cost Accounting	<i>MGT-131B</i>	*Check Tentative Schedule
MGT-135	Federal Taxation - Companies	<i>MGT-131A</i> <i>If you've completed MGT-131A but not MGT-131B, submit an EASy Request so we can preauthorize your enrollment in MGT-135</i>	Fall, Winter

MGT-136	Advanced Accounting	<i>MGT-131B</i>	Winter
MGT-139	Accounting Information Systems	<i>MGT-131B</i>	*Check Tentative Schedule
MGT-143	Forensic Accounting	<i>MGT-131B</i>	*Check Tentative Schedule
MGT-146	Ethics in Accounting	<i>MGT-131A</i>	*Check Tentative Schedule
MGT-147	Not-for-Profit and Government Accounting	<i>MGT-131B</i>	*Check Tentative Schedule
MGT-148	Mergers and Acquisitions	<i>MGT-045 OR BOTH ECON/MGT-004 and MGT-005</i>	*Check Tentative Schedule
MGT-149	Topics in Accounting	<i>MGT-131A</i>	*Check Tentative Schedule

If you wish to excel in the Public Accounting profession, you may need to become a **Certified Public Accountant (CPA)**. The California Board of Accountancy (CBA) requires 225 quarter units (150 semester units) of college credit alongside a year's worth of professional experience in accounting.

A bachelor's degree at UC San Diego generally consists of 180 quarter units but the CBA requires 225 quarter units. Units can be completed prior to graduation or after graduation at another institution.*

When planning to sit for the CPA exam, Rady strongly recommends scheduling an appointment with a Rady advisor by sending Rady a VAC message and utilizing two resources: (1) [CPA Tip Sheet](#)** and (2) [Self-Assessment Excel File](#).

[Link to State Licensure Requirements](#)

[Link to California Licensure Requirements](#)

[Link to California Board of Accountancy Website](#)

To prepare for the CPA Exam use the [CPA Exam Candidate Guide](#)

*Visit the [Rady FAQ](#) page under "Beyond Undergrad" for more information

**While reviewing the tip sheet, note that semester and quarter units are weighted differently (semester units x 1.5 = quarter units).

Questions? UCSD students must contact Rady Undergrad Advising through the VAC vac.ucsd.edu. Non-UCSD students can send an email to undergrad@rady.ucsd.edu.