The UT Martin accounting curriculum prepares students in all areas of accounting for professional careers in auditing, tax, public, industrial, managerial, or governmental accounting. Majors are made aware of and given guidance in preparation for the professional examinations – Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), Certified Management Accountant (CMA), and Certified Public Accountant (CPA). Accounting is also an excellent major for students planning to continue their education in graduate school or law school.

Characteristics for Accounting

Strong logical skills
- Accounting is a system of logic, and the ability to reason through a problem is very important.

Strong communication skills
- Written, oral and electronic communication of accounting information is the key to success in the accounting profession.

Leadership ability
- Accountants must take the lead in business decision making. Evidence of leadership ability throughout high school and college suggests success in the business world.

Persistence
- Business problems are not solved with the snap of a finger. Ability to persist until the job is done is an important quality of a good accountant.

To sit for the CPA exam in Tennessee a candidate must have earned 150 semester hours of college credit. The B.S. in accounting requires 120 semester hours. Many students elect to double major or to take graduate courses to complete the 150 hour requirement for the CPA exam. The Master of Business Administration (MBA) requires 35 semester hours to complete and is available at UT Martin.
Career Options

Financial Analyst
Staff Accountant
Audit Manager
Treasurer
FBI Agent
CIA Agent
IRS Agent
Cost Accountant
Internal Auditor
Forensic Accountant
Credit Manager
Tax Accountant
Controller
FDIC Auditor
Bank Examiner
Accounting Educator

Teachers
The accounting faculty is well qualified and committed. Extensive computer usage in upper division accounting courses prepares graduates for the professional world.

Participation
Students are encouraged to join professional student organizations and/or complete an internship with a business or agency while in undergraduate school.