**Undergraduate Concentration in Accountancy**

**Q1: What makes the accounting program at CSUF distinctive?**

**A1:** CSUF’s accounting program is the only accredited (AACB) accounting program in Orange County. Just 8% of accounting programs nationwide have achieved this distinction. Later this year, the accounting department is expecting to transform itself into a School of Accountancy **(see video)**. Our program is distinctive because of its forward looking curriculum and its emphasis on the application of analytics, cutting edge technology such as Robotic Process automation, and real world knowledge in the course-work.

**Q2: What are the some of the career opportunities in the field of accounting?**

**A2:** Accounting careers fall into three broad areas.

* Public Accounting

Accountants in public accounting work for an accounting firm (Big 4, international, national and local firms) to provide audit, tax planning and preparation, and advisory services to their large and small clients

* Private Accounting (e.g., Disney, IBM, McDonald’s, FEDEX)

In private accounting, accountants work for a corporation or business. Accountants in private accounting provide support to a company by performing accounting-related tasks. Entry-level jobs include those of a: bookkeeper, accounting clerk, financial analyst, and an internal auditor. Experienced accountants in private accounting go on to become treasurers, controllers, CFOs and CEOs.

* Government Accounting (e.g., IRS, Franchise Tax Board, Department of Defense)

Governmental agencies also need accountants. State and federal tax agencies need accountants to audit tax payers. Other agencies need accountants to help them plan, budget, forecast, and allocate governmental funds. State auditors are employed by the government to ensure that there is proper use and allocation of state funds.

**Q3: What accounting classes do I need to take in order to complete my undergraduate accounting concentration?**

A3: You must complete these courses:

1. 300-level Core Courses:

Complete all of the following: Acct 301A, 301B, 302, 307, and 308

1. 400-level Elective Courses:

Choose two 400 level electives

1. Practicum (Experiential Learning) Course:

Choose one class from: 401, 407, 415, 445, and 460

**Q4: How do I get a job or internship in accounting?**

**A4**: We recommend that you start by joining one of our two accounting clubs: Accounting Society and Beta Alpha Psi. The clubs host numerous recruiting events, such as Meet the Firms, Mock Interviews, Bowling with Professionals, and Awards Banquet. All major accounting firms recruit at CSUF. The Center for Internship (CICE) and Mihaylo Career Center provide resources for those seeking internships and jobs.