



# Albion College

## The Department of Economics and Management Accounting Major

Albion's accounting program includes every course needed to be eligible for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam. Our accounting students develop strong analytical skills, preparing them not only for their first job after graduation, but also for advancement into increasingly responsible positions in the field. As a result, many of the top accounting firms recruit at Albion College.

### CPA EMPHASIS

#### 9.5 or 10 E&M classes plus 2 cognates

E&M 101 Principles of Microeconomics  
E&M 102 Economy and Financial Markets  
E&M 211 Financial Accounting  
E&M 212 Managerial Accounting  
E&M 310 Governmental and Not-for-Profit Accounting (.5)  
E&M 311 Intermediate Accounting I  
E&M 312 Intermediate Accounting II  
E&M 313 Federal Income Taxation  
E&M E&M 314 Advanced Taxation and Corporate Transactions or 315 Advanced Taxation (.5)  
E&M 316 Auditing  
E&M 317 Accounting Information Systems (.5)  
*Cognates:* Math 120 College Algebra (or proficiency) or Math 141 or 125  
E&M 200 Economic Statistics or Math 209 or 309

### CORPORATE EMPHASIS

#### 9.5 or 10 E&M classes plus 2 cognates

E&M 101 Principles of Microeconomics  
E&M 102 Economy and Financial Markets  
E&M 201 Intermediate Microeconomics  
E&M 202 Intermediate Macroeconomics  
E&M 211 Financial Accounting  
E&M 212 Managerial Accounting  
E&M 248 Financial Modeling with Excel  
E&M 311 Intermediate Accounting I  
E&M 312 Intermediate Accounting II  
E&M 315 Advanced Taxation (.5) or E&M 314 Advanced Taxation and Corporate Transactions  
Elective: one unit (1) 200 level or higher  
*Cognates:* Math 120 College Algebra (or proficiency) or Math 141 or 125  
E&M 200 Economic Statistics or Math 209 or 309

**Recommended Courses:** E&M 248 Financial Modeling with Excel, DA 101- Data Analysis, and E&M 350 Business Law

### STUDENT HIGHLIGHT



**Brandon Luttig '23**, works as an auditor for the Office of the Auditor General in the State of Michigan. He conducts financial, performance, and investigative audits, as well as other non-audit services for all branches, departments, offices, boards, commissions, agencies, authorities, and institutions of the State.

"I love that I have the opportunity to experience what it's like to work in so many different industries and departments. I like that auditing is an ongoing learning process and you have to be adaptive to become familiar with different fields of work."

"Albion provided me with the opportunities to be successful in the transition from a student to going into the workforce. Specifically, the Gerstacker Institute helped connect me with a network of Albion alumni and helped me gain leadership and business skills through on campus programs as well as internship experiences."



**Reece Comerford '24**, is an Accounting, C.P.A. major with a Statistics minor, and is a Baseball Assistant in the Athletics department.

Reece had an accounting Internship at Golf Management LLC. in Louisville, KY the summer of 2023. This is where he learned how to use a new accounting software and how to apply accounting principles in business. His main tasks were to input daily sales and to allocate expenses to the correct accounts.

"Albion has brought me lifelong friendships and some of my greatest memories!"



## ACCOUNTING MINOR—CORPORATE TRACK

### 5 E&M classes plus 2 cognates

E&M 211 Financial Accounting  
 E&M 212 Managerial Accounting  
 E&M 311 Intermediate Accounting or  
 E&M 312 Intermediate Accounting II  
 (Note that 312 can be taken without 311, with permission.)  
 Plus two of the following:  
 E&M 248, 311 or 312 (if not taken above), 310, 313, 316, 317,  
 348, 389 (with E&M department chair's approval)  
 Cognates: (Two of the following)  
 Math 120 College Algebra or Math 125 or 141  
 E&M 200 or Math 209 or 309

## STUDENT VENTURES

### Accounting Society

This group arranges student trips to visit businesses and CPA firms, and sponsors professional workshops and speakers. It facilitates information-sharing among students about academic and career planning, and provides professional networking opportunities.

### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program

Albion students are trained by E&M accounting faculty to prepare income tax returns for low-income residents of the city of Albion and nearby communities. These volunteers prepare over 200 returns each year—helping the community and gaining valuable experience working on actual tax returns.

## INTERNSHIPS

Students at Albion regularly intern at:

- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Ernst & Young
- Rehmann
- Plante Moran
- Kellogg Community Foundation
- Thomson Reuters
- Level One Bank
- Dow Corning
- Clayton McKervey, P.C.
- Baker Tilly
- Andrew Hooper Pavlik, P.L.C.
- Deloitte Services
- Stryker

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Robert B. Hetler / PricewaterhouseCoopers Accounting Scholarships  
 Tim Cash/Ernst & Young Public Accounting Scholarships  
 Gaylord Smith Award for Scholarship in Accounting  
 E. Scott Cracraft Scholarship for Excellence in Accounting

## ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT



**Jacob Lee '10**, majored in E&M (Accounting emphasis) & Spanish literature. While at Albion he was a captain on the Football team and was named the National Football Foundation Morley Fraser Scholar Athlete and the CoSIDA ESPN DI-DII All District 1st Team Scholar Athlete in 2009, a member of EX fraternity and studied in Mexico and Chile.

Jacob spent the first 10 years of his career in multiple progressive roles at PWC, including six years in the M&A practice focusing on buy side and sell side diligence on deals from \$5M to \$5B. From 2020 to 2022 he was the VP of Finance for Avasure, a Michigan based Healthcare IT company which was sold to a private equity group in 2021.

He currently is a client results executive for Sentric, a multi solution technology provider who serves the senior living industry. He is also a real estate investor, a CPA, and owner of a 100 site campground in Benzonia, Michigan called Vacation Trailer Park.

## FACULTY

### Connie O'Brien, Assistant Professor

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