

LP and Timothy Leung School of Accounting

Housed within Azusa Pacific's School of Business and Management (<https://www.apu.edu/business/>), the LP and Timothy Leung School of Accounting (<https://www.apu.edu/business/accounting/>) focuses on developing graduates with the Christian character and competence demanded by the public accounting profession.

Vision Statement

To be a premier Christian accounting school, recognized as a thought leader on accounting character and competence to reflect the life of Christ and shine the light of Truth.

LP and Timothy Leung Scholarships

With gratitude to the Leung Endowment, students may qualify for scholarships. Additionally, students have the option to enroll in a fifth year to earn a Master of Professional Accountancy (MAcc) degree.

Specialized Credentials and Applied Learning

Students have the opportunity to earn specialized credentials, such as the IRS Enrolled Agent (EA) and the Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), increasing their value to potential employers. Additionally, students may join the Accounting Honors Society and participate in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, which equips students with hands-on experience as they provide income tax assistance to low-income taxpayers in the surrounding communities. Comprehensive curriculum coupled with experiential learning techniques has led to CPA exam pass rates in the top 20% of California universities.

In addition to VITA and the Accounting Honors Society, the school offers numerous student clubs and study-away opportunities. Students participating in study-away opportunities engage with topics of globalization, trade, culture, and global management and leadership as they travel the world. Typically, study-away trips include visiting global and international organizations and learning from universities and business leaders around the world. Additionally, numerous student clubs offer students the opportunity to build skills in leadership, management, decision making, and teamwork.

Internships and Job Placement

Accounting majors are invited to participate in the annual Meet the Firms night, hosted by the Accounting Honors Society and boasting outstanding successes. Typically, 60 accounting professionals representing 20 public accounting firms—all of the Big Four (EY, PwC, KPMG, and Deloitte), several major national (CLA, BDO) and specialty (CapinCrouse, Ron Blue) firms, and many regional and local firms (KSJG)—meet with APU students to discuss internship and job opportunities.

Accounting majors obtain paid internships with public accounting firms and in professional accounting. Job placement for accounting students also remains strong, with most CPA-track students placed prior to graduation. On the undergraduate side, our graduates are typically placed with every major accounting firm in the US, from Big Four to national and regional firms.

Graduate Programs Offer Flexible Course Schedules

To accommodate busy schedules, graduate classes are offered during the evening, afternoon, and online. Classes give students the opportunity to participate in real-life projects and case studies with profit, nonprofit, and governmental organizations. Students may take advantage of the multiple delivery formats to customize their education experience. **Students are admitted to and can start the Master of Professional Accountancy (MAcc) program in any of the eight terms during the academic year.**