



DEPARTMENT OF

# ACCOUNTING

Welcome to Brigham Young University – Idaho, more particularly to the accounting major here. My name is Kevin Kimball and I am the chair of our accounting department. I am thrilled to learn that you have selected the great major of accounting, the language of business. Accounting is great because it underpins every business, government, and non-profit organization in the world. Every business needs at least one person who understands accounting and some organizations need thousands who understand accounting. Accounting majors have high placement rates in locations throughout the world, in great jobs with steady incomes.

One of my goals as the accounting department chair is to help you make a smooth transition into BYU-I, in general, and, into our accounting program, specifically. I am confident that if you give it your best effort you will develop skills and abilities that benefit you personally and professionally.

In fact, even if you do not choose to become an “accountant” per se, your accounting background will bless your life and career regardless of the career path you choose.

When you come to BYU-I, I strongly encourage you to participate in these activities and utilize these resources to enhance your university experience and increase your chances for obtaining your ideal job.

## Get Connected

Please plan to arrive a few days early so that you can fully participate in the wonderful “Get Connected” program. Through Get Connected you will make new friends and meet student mentors. These friends and student mentors will become a great support to you as you move into this new environment. You will also meet with other incoming accounting majors. I hope to see you there.



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## Faculty Mentor

In addition to Student Mentors, who will be a great resource for you in finding your way around the university, you also have an assigned Faculty Mentor. Faculty Mentors will help you navigate your way through the accounting program and on to your career and life beyond. Your Faculty Mentor can assist you in making course selections, developing academic plans, finding internships, and identifying career and graduate school options.

You can identify your assigned Faculty Mentor by logging in to your mybyui.edu account, clicking on “Registration” (found under the blue bar at the top of the screen), then looking down the right-hand column under Academic Summary where you should see both your Faculty Member as well as your Advising Center. Please take a moment now to look up your Faculty Mentor and then, within the first month or two of arriving on campus, take another moment to visit him/her.

## Course Planning

Another resource is our department website, <http://www.byui.edu/accounting/degrees>, where you will find a program planning worksheet to help you know what classes to take on your path to graduation. In addition, the department website also provides a recommended course sequence which is a suggested timeline indicating when we recommend you take your major classes which will depend on the cluster/certificate you choose, such as data science or general business. If you plan on only attending one or two semesters before serving a mission, I recommend you take Accounting 201, the first key accounting course in the program sequence, after you return from your mission. Prior to your mission, you might consider taking Accounting 100 which provides useful information about the major.

Again, welcome to the accounting program at BYU-I. Our students work hard, learn lots and get jobs.

See you soon.

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## Student Accounting Society

Please consider joining our Student Accounting Society (SAS). For more information on how to join, email [sas@byui.edu](mailto:sas@byui.edu). SAS meets most Thursdays from 11:30 to 12:30 in the Smith Building. The SAS meetings often have free food, but more importantly, they regularly include presentations from accounting professionals and graduate schools to help you learn about the profession and develop internship and career contacts. You will also make great friends within the accounting program.

## Meet the Firms

The fourth Thursday in September is our “Meet the Firms” event where over 50 employers and several graduate schools come to meet, hire, and recruit our students. If you are off-track during September, we would still strongly recommend that you return to campus to participate in this exceptional recruiting event. In addition, please be aware that most accounting majors complete their internships during winter semester, which is also known in the accounting world as “busy season”. Please keep the potential for a winter internship in mind as you develop your graduation plan.

# BYU-Idaho Campus Map

Accounting courses are primarily held in the Smith building.

