



Justin Herp »

ACCOUNTING


JUSTIN HERP CAME TO THE COLLEGE TO STUDY business. Then his business law professor suggested accounting. After some research, he realized there's a lot more to the accounting profession than staring at spreadsheets. "I decided to switch my major after my first accounting class and I've loved it ever since."

It was the variety of courses that initially appealed to Justin. "Of course, you've got your introductory courses and then the intermediate courses where you really get into the nuts and bolts," he says. "And then there's an audit course and a couple of tax courses and a course on accounting information systems and then management accounting. I didn't know this initially,

but there are plenty of different paths you can take in this profession. I find that really appealing."

Justin determined his particular path through an internship he served. "There are plenty of professors in the department finding internships and other opportunities for students all the time. What's great is that almost every accounting professor has worked in the field before coming to the College, so they have strong connections. Because of the big emphasis on placement in this department, I wasn't surprised when one of my professors connected me to a paid summer internship with a large regional firm. And through that experience, I got a job offer for a couple of years from now as a tax accountant."

Accounting is a tight-knit department says Justin. "And because of the standards that accountants are held to, the program is quite structured. Accountants have to know certain information and meet certain standards, so most everyone takes the same classes. You get really comfortable with your classmates because you're traveling through all of this together. On top of that, the classes are small, so the professors get to know you well."

After graduating, Justin plans to pursue a master's degree in accounting. He knows that he'll be well prepared and ready to excel in whichever program he ends up enrolling in. 



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