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## Accounting

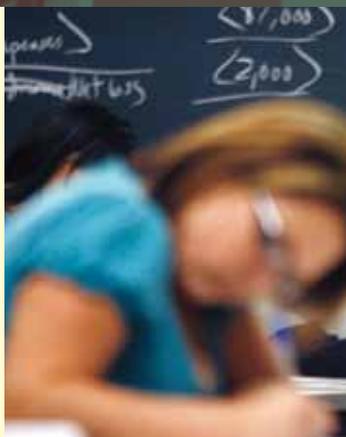
Department of Accounting and Finance

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## What will I study?

**Accounting** is a systematic way of analyzing and describing the activities of business and other entities. Students learn to function as professionals as they develop the skill sets needed to work with people and information.

Our program emphasizes the importance of financial accounting, analytical skills, written and oral communication, and information systems. Interesting classes include: Cost Accounting, Auditing, and Income Taxation.

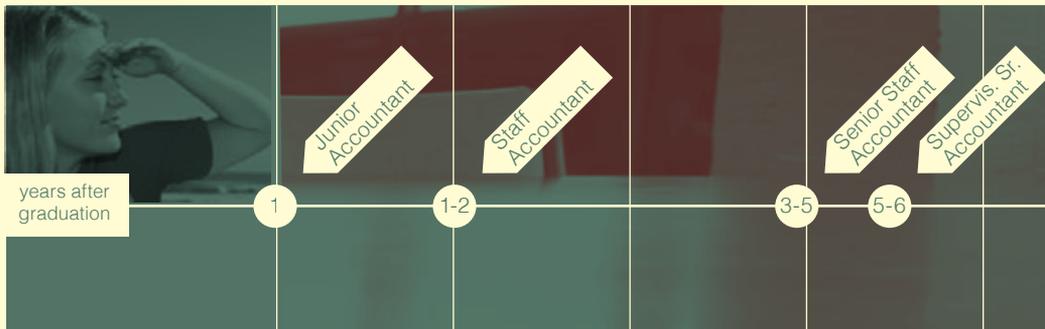


## What can I do with a concentration in Accounting?

A concentration in Accounting is a step in the right direction for any aspiring business professional. Some of the many career options that stem from an accounting degree include: Certified Public Accountant, Managerial accountant, Tax advisor and/or preparer, and Auditor.

## POTENTIAL CAREER TIMELINE

A clear path for opportunity is easy to discern based upon actual data from our alumni who are now working at Gallo Family Vineyard.



years after graduation

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1-2

3-5

5-6

Junior Accountant

Staff Accountant

Senior Staff Accountant

Supervisory St. Accountant

# CONCENTRATION

## Why choose Accounting at CSU Stanislaus?

A degree in accounting is one of the most versatile degrees in business. Accounting is a part of all aspects of every business and helps inform the decisions made by employees, investors, and owners. The accountant is in a position to pursue a range of interesting and rewarding career paths in public accounting, private industry, consulting, and governmental careers. A large percentage of CEOs started their careers in accounting.

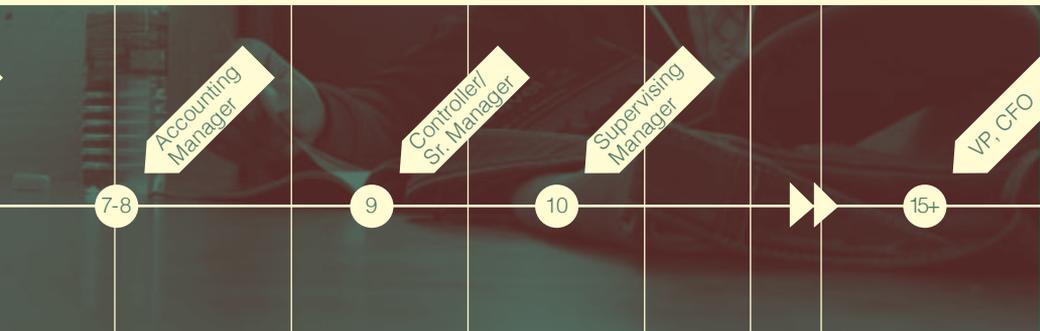
BETA ALPHA PSI, an honorary organization for Financial Information students and professionals, promotes scholastic and professional excellence in the business information field and encourages a sense of ethical, social and public responsibility.



The Accounting Department endeavors to provide:

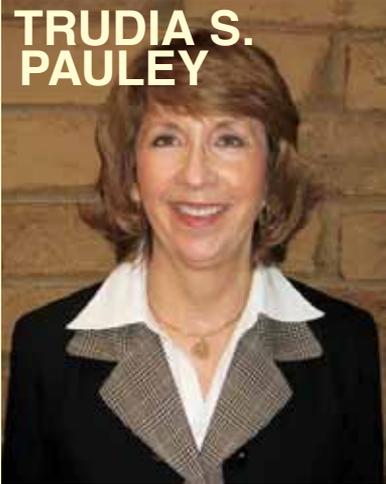
- A strong foundation for the entry-level professional accountant
- Competence and coursework for graduates to succeed with professional examinations as well as graduate business study
- Comprehensive pre-requisite courses for all Business Administration majors

Right now, **CSU Stanislaus Accounting graduates** are working in large and small businesses, government agencies, CPA firms and not-for-profits throughout the Central Valley and beyond.



**ON THE PATH of**  
Accounting Alumni

**TRUDIA S.  
PAULEY**



1983, Accounting  
1985, MBA

presented by  
  
**Gallo**  
FAMILY  
VINEYARDS™

Director of Finance, Foster Farms

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Pauley began her career at Foster Farms forty years ago with only a two-year college degree. So she returned to school ten years later to finish her education. She graduated in 1983 from CSU Stanislaus with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration concentration in Accounting. She later earned her MBA in 1985 and obtained her Certificated Management Accountant (CMA) designation in 1991.

To meet the demands of Foster Farms' expansive growth in the '80s and '90s, Pauley knew that she needed more than a two-year education. She attributes her success at Foster Farms to the completion of her education at CSU Stanislaus.

She works currently as Foster Farms' Director of Finance, and is responsible for the total company finance function including business analysis, forecasting, strategic and capital planning, and reporting for executive management and the Board of Directors.

When the opportunity arose to give back to her alma mater, Pauley joined the University's Accounting / Finance Advisory Board in 1991.

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Advising & Student Success

The Student Success Center is a one-stop shop for CSU Stanislaus business students. The SSC facilitates the educational and career goals of students by providing services such as academic advising, career information, and scholarship information. Contact the SSC at (209) 667-3864 or e-mail [cbassc@csustan.edu](mailto:cbassc@csustan.edu).



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