The fastest way to the top in any industry is through the accounting function. More CEOs get there through a background in accounting than any other route. Accounting is for those who have the passion, commitment and people skills to truly excel in business. After graduation, accounting majors are prepared to successfully enter the job market, become credentialed as an accounting or financial professional, continue with the classes that qualify them to take the CPA examination or enter graduate studies programs.

**CPA Certified**
All accounting classes are approved by the Florida State Board of Accountancy for credit toward the requirements to take the CPA exam.

**Diverse Opportunities**
An accounting degree leads to opportunities as a CPA, tax or audit professional in a corporate accounting setting or a variety of executive leadership positions in business and industry.

**Pathway to Success**
Financial management is essential to entrepreneurial success. Accounting gives the aspiring entrepreneur the diverse financial skills necessary to successfully launch, manage and grow a business.

**Accounting Practicum**
Students complete an Accounting Practicum in the second semester of their senior year. The practicum bridges the gap between classroom studies and the real world, easing the transition from accounting student to industry professional. Each student is matched with a host organization of interest where he or she learns how the organization functions and gains practical insight into problem-solving and decision-making processes. Students gain experience in corporate social responsibility by becoming actively engaged in a community organization. The practicum experience includes:

- An average of 10 hours per week of on-site participation at the host site.
- Progress reports submitted for critique and comments from the instructor.
- Group meetings with other practicum students to share experiences.
- Completion of a written analysis.

**STUDENT BENEFITS**
- Hands-on, résumé-building experiences
- Insight into industries of interest
- Business networking opportunities
- Global perspective on business and management practices

**BUSINESS PARTNERS**
- Northrop Grumman
- Clear Channel Outdoor
- Merrill Lynch
- Harris Corporation
- Kennedy Space Center

**INNOVATION, DIVERSITY, ETHICS AND LEADERSHIP**
empowering future entrepreneurial leaders to manage innovation and change
**Accounting**

**Applied Knowledge and Scholarly Inquiry**
Students have ample opportunity for hands-on learning, including:

- Internships at a variety of large and small CPA firms, high-tech companies, governmental entities, nonprofit organizations and service or industrial companies.
- Peer collaboration with the Student Business Incubator in the Nathan M. Bisk College of Business, promoting new venture creation, through formal student projects, numerous business-focused competitions or within accounting cohort informal study groups.
- Research opportunities supporting faculty investigations or campus-based projects such as:
  - **Center for Entrepreneurship and New Business Development**
    The center has been established to push the boundaries of entrepreneurial education, global innovation and practical research in pursuit of new venture creation, sustainability, social value creation and venture acceleration.
  - **Center for Ethics and Leadership**
    The mission of the center is to promote the practice of ethical behavior and effective leadership by engaging in activities that provide a forum for research, discussion and better understanding of ethics and leadership amongst all stakeholders in society.

**Emphasis on Ethics and Leadership**
The Nathan M. Bisk College of Business is dedicated to fostering ethical decision making and educating leaders who make thoughtful decisions, set high standards and promote corporate accountability. Key initiatives include:

**Ethics and Leadership Breakfast:** At this annual event, business leaders speak about ethical behavior, while students are challenged to think critically about ethical practices from personal, professional and societal perspectives.

**Intercollegiate Case Competition:** Undergraduate students tackle business challenges from both practical and professional perspectives.

**Ethics and Leadership Conference:** This public forum encourages students to learn from business, community and government leaders.

**Corporate Social Responsibility:** Students learn about corporate social responsibility through hands-on class projects and individual service with the perspective of making an impact.

**What’s Next?**
After graduation, accounting majors are prepared to successfully enter the job market, continue with classes that qualify them for the CPA examination or continue into graduate programs.

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**FastTrack MBA and MSIE**
Nathan M. Bisk College of Business students are eligible for entrance into Florida Tech’s FastTrack MBA and MSIE programs. Students must maintain a 3.25 cumulative GPA and complete 95 credits in order to be accepted into the programs.

**M.S. in Innovation and Entrepreneurship (MSIE)**
Students can pursue an interdisciplinary M.S. degree to develop and bring to life a marketable concept or invention. Students gain real-world experience in innovation and commercialization of new products and technologies. Working in teams, students experience pitching a business proposal to investors and funding sources. FastTrack program and graduate scholarships are available.

**Global Perspective**
The Nathan M. Bisk College of Business is internationally focused—from business strategy to cultural awareness. Students learn alongside their international peers both on campus and through virtual teams bringing together students from around the globe using Cloud and Web technologies. Students have an opportunity to study abroad through programs to areas such as Spain, the Netherlands and Oxford, England.