DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

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Accounting

The accounting program offers a wide range of studies designed to prepare students for employment in business, government, education systems, and other organizations in a variety of financial, industrial, and service entities. Students can choose the traditional accounting major or add a concentration in public accounting. Students in the public accounting concentration are eligible to sit for the CPA Examination if they complete the requirements for the degree and take additional coursework to earn 150 total credit hours.

Economics

Economics is the only social science in which a Nobel Prize is awarded. To succeed in economics, students should have an interest in applying critical thinking and statistical analysis to issues of business, financial, ethical, and social importance. The department currently offers a concentration in economics within the finance major as well as a minor in economics. Economics training is valuable preparation for law school or post-graduate work in economics, finance, business or the social sciences.

A major in international business and economics provides the academic preparation for positions with business, government, or international agencies dealing with international trade and foreign investments.

Finance

Finance provides one of the most dynamic and rewarding of careers.

Financial services, investment advising, retirement planning, and tax and estate planning are fast-growing fields where substantial earnings are possible for those associated with financial planning firms and for individual entrepreneurs. Students can choose the traditional finance major with no concentration or obtain a concentration in banking, economics, or financial planning. Fort Hays State University is the only institution in Kansas with a business undergraduate degree program in financial planning that is registered with Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards Inc.

Preparation

Students interested in majoring in accounting, finance or international business and economics can prepare themselves by taking any business-related courses their high school offers, including accounting, mathematics, economics, and general business. Additionally, oral and written communication skills are very important. Introductory computer coursework is valuable preparation. A variety of scholarships are available for departmental majors.

Minors – Economics, Finance and Accounting

Classes completed as part of your academic major may not be counted toward your minor program. You will need to work with the advisor for your minor program to find a class to substitute in its place.

ECON 201 Principles of Microeconomics or ECON 202 Principles of Macroeconomics can count for General Education credit and both can count for a minor program. The Business Core classes (ACCT 203 Principles of Accounting I, ACCT 204 Principles of Accounting II, and FIN 305 Managerial Finance) can also count toward a minor program.

Faculty and Staff

See Economics, Finance and Accounting Programs for a full listing of faculty and staff (https://www.fhsu.edu/efa/Faculty-and-Staff/)