Accounting
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE
Accounting is the language of business. Communicating relevant financial accounting information and providing reliable financial reports is an essential component of successful business endeavors across the globe. Because of their extensive knowledge of business activities, accountants have the flexibility and knowledge for branching out into management and entrepreneurial roles. UAB’s Accounting Program offers a high-quality, practice-oriented educational experience designed for aspiring accountants seeking an innovative, technology-driven learning environment.

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National Association of Black Accountants (NABA)

The UAB chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants unites accounting, finance, and business students who are committed to professional and academic excellence, possess a sense of professional and civic responsibility, and are concerned with enhancing opportunities for minorities in the accounting, finance and business professions. NABA offers leadership training, professional development opportunities and networking with guest speakers from leading corporations and firms. Students also receive training in tax preparation and provide free tax services for those in need.