

ACCOUNTING COUGAR MAP



BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION: ACCOUNTING MAJOR, CERTIFICATE

The Cougar Map is intended to guide you with suggestions for potential activities and career paths that can help you along your educational journey. Although everyone has different abilities, experiences and obstacles, this Cougar Map can be used with the help of your advisors to prepare for the future you want with a clear vision of your college-to-career pathway.

Please refer to the SXU Academic Catalog and academic planning resources for detailed degree requirements.

FIRST YEAR

SECOND YEAR

THIRD YEAR

FOURTH YEAR

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Competence (major/minor, summer suggestions, academic research)	<p>Bring writing assignments to the Learning Center/Writing Studio for help in fine-tuning papers.</p> <p>Don't get discouraged in your first year! For stress relief ideas, visit the Counseling Center.</p> <p>Take advantage of your summer by taking courses to graduate on time or earlier.</p>	<p>Taking your Methods class? Visit the Hub for technical assistance.</p> <p>Visit the library for the appropriate resources in writing your research papers.</p> <p>Consider pursuing a second major or minor to achieve your career goals.</p>	<p>Consider working with a faculty member on a research project.</p> <p>Be mindful of important dates, i.e. semester ends and begins, deadline to withdraw from a course, petition for graduation.</p> <p>Meet with faculty who are Academic Success Coaches and attend a Success Workshop.</p>	<p>Showcase your student-faculty collaborative project at the Research Expo or at a regional or national conference.</p>
Character (Service, global perspective, study abroad, clubs/RSOs, volunteering)	<p>Consider joining a student club such as Business Students Association, Accounting Students Organization or Women in Business.</p>	<p>Take part in a service trip or study abroad program.</p> <p>In the spring, apply for X-Factor Leadership opportunities.</p> <p>Participate actively in RSOs.</p>	<p>Take on a leadership role within a student club or organization.</p> <p>Volunteer with SXU's Campus Ministry or a local organization.</p>	<p>Mentor the next generation of student association officers.</p> <p>Participate actively in the Chicago chapter of ILCPAS, ACFE, CMA or other organizations.</p>
Career Success (career or grad school prep, internships, jobs)	<p>Complete your SXU Handshake profile for student employment with the help of the Center for SUCCESS.</p> <p>Talk to your advisor about preparing for internship experiences.</p>	<p>Create a LinkedIn profile and establish meaningful connections within your academic and personal circles.</p> <p>Attend the GSM Careers in Accounting and Finance panel.</p>	<p>Attend job, graduate school and intern fairs to help prepare you for what comes next after college.</p> <p>Visit the Center for SUCCESS and GSM's Center of Experiential Learning to create a job search plan.</p>	<p>Visit the Center for SUCCESS to create a job search plan, sharpen your resume and practice interviewing.</p>