After completing 46 or more credit hours, students must have earned the Progression Requirements of the undergraduate major to progress in the accounting major. A well-established internship program, with a solid and well-respected reputation, is available to qualified accounting students.

**THE ACCOUNTING MAJOR**

The accounting major prepares students for careers as professional accountants by providing instruction in financial accounting, cost or managerial accounting, auditing, tax and accounting systems. The accounting curriculum provides a foundation in both theory and practice, encompassing the body of concepts, conventions, principles and theories essential to the professional competency expected of accounting graduates. The accounting department places a great deal of emphasis not only on students’ knowledge and understanding of the concepts and theories but also on the development of professional accounting research, computer applications, ethical decision making and interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills. A well-established internship program, with a solid and well-respected reputation, is available to qualified accounting students.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Accounting graduates find employment with public accounting firms, corporations and other business enterprises, government agencies (such as the IRS and the FBI) and not-for-profit institutions (such as charitable organizations, hospitals and retirement homes). This major prepares students with the knowledge base and skills for entry-level positions and the foundation for a career as a professional accountant. Graduates can continue their professional development either through specialized programs provided by employers or through graduate studies. Completion of the major prepares students to take the CMA, the CIA and other professional certification examinations. The undergraduate major is part of the educational preparation for the CPA examination, which requires 150 semester hours in the state of Ohio. Kent State provides the education to meet this requirement, which requires 150 semester hours in the state of Ohio. Kent State provides the education to meet this requirement, which requires 150 semester hours in the state of Ohio.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ADVANCED BUSINESS PROGRAM**

Progression Requirements

After completing 46 or more credit hours, students must have earned a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA in addition to earning a minimum 3.0 GPA in English, communications and mathematics in order to progress in the accounting major.
LEARNING COMMUNITIES
First-year students have the opportunity to enhance their college experience by participating in the Business Learning Community developed around the student's academic interest in business. The Business Learning Community is located in Prentice Hall. Students living on campus reside in Prentice Hall (unless in honors housing) and commuters are welcome to join as well.

The Business Learning Community immerses the student in an environment that supports academic and professional success. The Business Learning Community provides a format that brings business student peers and faculty members into smaller groups creating academic and social support networks.

Learning Communities provide unique opportunities to:
• Connect students with their peers quickly and develop lifelong friendships.
• Develop leadership skills by taking a principles course introducing students to leadership basics and further develop their potential through practical experience.
• Learn about the business world by participating in special lectures, seminars, guest speakers, industry visits and professional networking opportunities.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
To assist students in funding their education, the College of Business Administration offers financial and merit-based scholarships. Scholarships are available to incoming freshmen through graduating seniors and vary from tuition and book awards to stipends. College of Business Administration scholarship information is available online to incoming students and can be found posted in various locations throughout the college for sophomores, juniors and seniors.

Generally, to be considered for these scholarships, students need to apply early in the spring semester. An average GPA of 3.0 or higher is a typical academic qualifier for most scholarships, but students of all academic levels are encouraged to apply.

Other freshman scholarships are available through the Honors College at 330-672-2312 or the Student Financial Aid Office at 330-672-2972.