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Information for High School Instructors, Administrators, Parents, and Students

- 1) WKU gives 3 hours credit [thus waiving ACCT 200 -Principles of Financial Accounting] to incoming freshmen who have scored at least a “3” on the AP Pilot Accounting Course. The student receives 3 hours credit similar to an AP course they take in high school. The Office of the Provost and the Registrar’s Office have approved this.
- 2) The Department of Accounting will also give credit for ACCT 200 to students wishing to major in accounting if they score at least a “4” on the AP Pilot Accounting Course. This requirement is consistent with the department’s policy of requiring accounting majors to have at least a “B” in ACCT 200 and at least a “B” in ACCT 201 prior to taking ACCT 300 and ACCT 310.
- 3) Students wishing to major in accounting who score at least a “4” on the AP Pilot Accounting Course will be able to take ACCT 201 [Principles of Managerial Accounting] very early in their academic career at WKU [upon attaining 28 hours including any credit for AP courses] and thus get on a fast track to enter the Professional Program in Accountancy (PPA program). The PPA program requirements are at least a 3.25 GPA in ACCT 300; ACCT 310; ACCT 301; and ACCT 312.
- 4) The PPA program allows eligible students to take both undergraduate and graduate courses and earn a B.S. degree and MAcc degree concurrently.
- 5) Through the support of several CPA firms and other donors, specific scholarships are available to PPA students. PPA students receive priority in the awarding of many of the accounting department scholarship funds.
- 6) The GMAT requirement is waived for PPA students.
- 7) The Graduate Admissions fee is waived for PPA students.
- 8) PPA students can graduate with both the B.S. degree and the MAcc degree and thus earn the required 150 hours for the CPA certification.

Personal Message from the Chair of the Department of Accounting, Dr. Steve Wells:

Anyone [high school student, high school instructor, high school administrator, and parents of a high school student] should feel free to contact me [Steve Wells, Chairman of the Department of Accounting] if they have questions or desire additional information. The Accounting Department telephone number is: (270) 745-3895. My email address is: steve.wells@wku.edu. I welcome the opportunity to answer any questions or provide assistance to high school instructors/administrators who are thinking about offering the AP accounting course. I also welcome the opportunity to visit with interested students and/or parents.

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