

# ACCOUNTING ESSENTIALS

## Purpose:

The Certificate in Accounting Essentials is an undergraduate certificate program which is designed to provide foundational accounting education for students, both business and non-business majors as well as community members, desiring to enter the workplace. Specifically, students who successfully complete this 12 semester credit hours (SCH) certificate will gain an understanding of foundational accounting concepts like the use of accounting data for decision making, measure of financial statements and valuation of assets and liabilities. The program is designed for both current undergraduate students enrolled at Texas A&M International University as well as a “stand-alone” certificate for professionals, and community members.

Upon completion of this certificate program, students will be able to:

1. Effectively engage in critical thinking to solve accounting-based business problems.
2. Present an accounting topic in a professional manner.
3. Illustrate general business concepts and theories by producing a professional accounting report.
4. Apply general business ethics in an accounting environment.

## Criteria for Earning the Certificate

Students must complete four courses in the program with at least a “C” in each of the four courses outlined in the table below. All courses are 3 semester credit hours (SCH).

## Administration of the Certificate

The Certificate in **Accounting Essentials** is administrated by the A.R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business and the Dean of the College is responsible for the oversight of the program.

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Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
ACC 2301	Intro to Financial Accounting	3
ACC 2302	Intro to Managerial Accounting	3
ACC 3310	Intermediate Accounting I	3
Select 3 hrs from the following:		3
ACC 3320	Intermediate Accounting II	
ACC 3335	Financial Analysis Technique	
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

## Criteria for Admission

The certificate is designed as a “stand-alone” credential, and the certificate is also intended to be “stackable” with an undergraduate degree at Texas A&M International University. A total of 12 units will be required for the completion of this certificate program. This program can be completed without any additional prerequisites. For certificate admission applicants who are current undergraduate students at Texas A&M International University, both business majors and non-majors, they must be in good academic standing with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher. Certificate admission applicants who are not current undergraduate students at Texas A&M International University will be granted admission on a case-by-case basis, pending an assessment of their capabilities for successfully completing the certificate program.

Students interested in pursuing the Certificate in Accounting Essentials must complete the appropriate form with the School of Business as soon as possible, but no less than two semesters before completion of their degree. The School of Business and the Office of the University Registrar will provide documentation certifying the completion of the certificate.