ACADEMIC MAP TO B.S. IN ACCOUNTING

2026-2027

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA

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YEAR 1

SEMESTER 1	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
ACCT 1040 – Small Business Accounting			3	
BUAD 1800 – Intro to Information Technology +	⚑		3	
ENGL 1010 – Composition & Rhetoric I	⚑		3	C
MATH 1020 – College Algebra	⚑		3	
SCI 1010 – Basic Concepts of Physical Science I			3	
UNIV 1000 – The University Experience			1	

Semester Credits: _____

SEMESTER 2	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
ACCT 2000 – Financial Accounting	⚑		3	
CIS 2000 – Spreadsheet Applications +	⚑		3	
ENGL1020 – Composition and Rhetoric II	⚑		3	C
MATH 1060 – Finite Mathematics	⚑		3	
SCI 1020 - Basic Concepts of Biological Science I			3	

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

YEAR 2

SEMESTER 1	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
ACCT 2010 – Managerial Accounting	⚑		3	
COMM 1010 – Oral Communication or COMM 2500 – Interpersonal Communication			3	
ECON 2000 – Principles of Macroeconomics	⚑		3	
FA 1040 – Exploring the Arts			3	
SCI 2010 – Basic Concepts of Physical Science II or SCI 2020 – Basic Concepts of Biological Science II			3	

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SEMESTER 2	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
ACCT 3180 – Intermediate Accounting I	⚑		3	
BUAD 2120 – Basic Business Statistics +	⚑		3	
BUAD 2200 – Business Reports and Communication +	⚑		3	
ECON 2010 – Principles of Microeconomics			3	
PSYC 1010 – General Psychology			3	

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YEAR 3

SEMESTER 1	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
ACCT 3080 – Cost Accounting FALL ONLY	⚑		3	
ACCT 3190 – Intermediate Accounting II FALL ONLY	⚑		3	
CIS 3100 – Information Systems and Technology in Business +			3	
ENGL 2110 – Introduction to Literature			3	
MGT 3220 – Organization and Management +	⚑		3	

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SEMESTER 2	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
ACCT 3060 – Income Taxes SPRING ONLY	⚑		3	
BLAW 2250 – Business Law I +			3	
FIN 3090 – Business Finance +	⚑		3	
MGT 3580 – Operations Management +	⚑		3	
MKTG 3230 – Principles of Marketing +	⚑		3	

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YEAR 4

SEMESTER 1	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
ACCT 4020 – Advanced Accounting FALL ONLY +			3	
BLAW 3260 – Business Law II	⚑		3	
BUAD 3270 – International Business +			3	
HIST 1010, 1020, 2010, or 2020			3	
Upper Division Accounting Elective +			3	

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

SEMESTER 2	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
ACCT 4080 – Auditing SPRING ONLY			3	
ACCT 4300 – Senior Seminar in Accounting SPRING ONLY +			3	
MGT 4300 – Strategic Management and Policy +	⚑		3	
Upper Division Accounting Elective +	⚑		3	
Academic Elective			2	

ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

- **50% of the School of Business classes must be completed at Northwestern State University. Grades of "CR" do not count towards the 50%.**
- **To sit for the Louisiana CPA, you need to have 150 credit hours.**

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits 120

Must maintain a 2.0 GPA within Major and Concentration to graduate.

NOTE: Requirements to sit for the Louisiana CPA exam:

- 150 credit hours
- Bachelor's degree from accredited university
- 24 hours of Accounting courses including Intermediate (6 hours), Cost (3 hours), Income Tax (3 hours), Auditing (3 hours), and 9 hours of accounting electives
- 24 hours of Business courses including Business Law (3 hours) and 21 hours of qualifying business courses

YOU'VE FINISHED!

Louisiana CPA Requirement

\+ Counts for Louisiana CPA Hours

⚑ MILESTONE - prerequisite for a business class

Major Electives

Academic Electives

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Major Requirements = 75 | University Core/Support = 45 | Total Credits = 120

Courses taken outside of a student's degree program are not eligible for Title IV federal financial aid (grants and loans). However, elective courses are eligible for Title IV aid if they are required and included in the student's program of study. Once a student has completed all required elective credits, any additional elective courses taken beyond the program's requirements will not be eligible for Title IV funding.

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MILESTONE

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