Business Department

Portrait of the Major
The largest department at Thiel College, the Department of Business Administration and Accounting provides a well rounded educational experience including both theory and practice, while emphasizing and nurturing the entrepreneurial spirit of our students.

Curriculum Highlights
Five majors—accounting, business administration, business communication, international business and forensic accounting—and numerous specialty tracks are offered, allowing students to align their studies with their personal interests and goals. Tracks and cooperative programs include advertising, culinary arts, finance, human resources, management, marketing, mortuary science, graduate school, and fashion and retail management.

Career and Graduate School Outlook
Thiel business and accounting graduates are highly successful in securing first-time employment and rapidly advancing their careers in the business world. Each October, Thiel accounting students have the opportunity to interview with international accounting firms such as Deloitte & Touche and Ernst & Young, as well as numerous regional and local firms. Our campus also hosts numerous companies looking for accountants to join the private sector or business majors for management positions. Recent graduates have attended Notre Dame College of Law, North Carolina State University, University of Chicago, Robert Morris University, Slippery Rock University, Clarion University and Gannon University.

Special Features
By studying business at Thiel College, you’ll be able to:
• Study with qualified professors with real world experience—the business faculty at Thiel engage students in lively discussion, significant and challenging projects based on their extensive experience as business professionals. Through their combined expertise in business and industry, they will guide, challenge and prepare you for success in the world of commerce.
• Experience unique programming—field experience and internships, mock interview sessions, financial support for entrepreneurial activities, business etiquette dinners, and resume and cover letter writing seminars will prepare you to embark on a career with experience, knowledge and confidence.
• Enjoy distinctive opportunities—the Business Honors Seminar allows students to meet and interact with alumni who are successful business and corporate leaders. The Haller Enterprise Institute encourages, promotes and supports entrepreneurship among our students; and close alumni connections provide you with networking opportunities to find a position in your chosen field.

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“College is about finding yourself, what you want to accomplish in life, followed by taking the necessary steps to reach that point. I have learned so much from taking the time to build relationships with staff, professors, students and alumni. The moment I visited Thiel I knew it was a place in which I could blossom and grow. Study abroad has been so important to me because living and learning in a different country offers knowledge and experiences that cannot be found in textbooks.”

Audrey Lynn Rattay ‘12, Apollo, Pa.
Major: Business Administration
Clubs and Activities: Chi Eta Sigma, Les Lauriers, Lambda Sigma, Pi Nu Epsilon, Thiel Choir, The Thielensian, Admissions Student Worker, Study Abroad in Morocco and India.

Major: Accounting and Business Administration
Clubs and Activities: Supplemental Instruction, Peer Tutoring, Alpha Chi, Chi Eta Sigma, Wrestling Manager

“Thiel College has a real sense of community. The small classes make it possible to get to know your classmates and professors. When it comes to preparing for and pursuing a professional career, accessibility to your professors and constant communication is key. Thiel makes this possible. The Accounting/Business Department promoted the idea of networking in each of my courses. They have encouraged each student to take advantage of and reach out to alumni and other professionals who make themselves available to the College. I have had the privilege to meet and interact with several interesting individuals. I find it important that so many people come back to Thiel, always looking for a way to give back.”

Major: Business Administration
Clubs and Activities: Thiel Players and Student Government Association

“Upon entering the workforce with graduates from other colleges and universities, it became very clear to me that Thiel College did more than provide me with a well-rounded solid education. Thiel prepared me for life after college—everything from how to handle myself in a professional setting to networking and participation in social events. Courses at Thiel are designed and created to provide a perfect combination of necessary theory along with real life application, which is where many other universities and colleges fall short. Those experiences have proven to be invaluable when entering the work force.”

Chris Wright ‘95, chief financial officer, St. Paul’s (a continuing care community) Greenville, Pa.
Major: Accounting and Business Administration

“T"he faculty-to-student ratio [at Thiel] was key for me. I think the small size of the classes really provides Thiel students with an advantage to be able to interact more with and hence, learn more from their professors. Professor David Miller is a standout to me. He was my adviser and clearly cares about all of the students. We still keep in touch to this day. Make the most of this experience. Carpe Diem! If you do, you will have many, many memories on which to look back and enjoy. Then, it’s key to stay connected!”

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