ISU ACCOUNTING PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT

The Accounting Department, an integral part of the College of Business, shares the role and mission of its College and the University as established by the State Board of Education. Thus, the Department responds to current and emerging demands within the state and region and primarily serves local and statewide constituencies of students, accountants, and other interested parties.

**The Department's primary mission is to offer a quality professional education in accounting.** As such, the Department imparts business and accounting knowledge, develops competencies in emerging technologies, fosters learning skills, and promotes the pursuit of life-long learning. The Department also strives to enhance communication skills, interpersonal and leadership skills, and critical thinking abilities. Ethical awareness, with attendant standards and perspectives, is also encouraged.

**The research mission of the Department complements and enhances the instructional mission.** Research activities are conducted to improve the understanding of accounting theory and practice among the Department's main constituents. Thus, research and related activities are oriented primarily towards the needs of practitioners and students. Consequently, departmental research typically focuses upon behavioral aspects of accounting, teaching methodologies, emerging accounting issues, and tax legislation.

**The service mission also addresses the needs of the Department’s constituents.** The Department seeks to use its expertise to enhance economic development in the region and to meet the continuing educational needs of business professionals and accountants. The Department encourages participation in and service to professional and community organizations. The Department also provides applied research and other assistance when needed by various organizations.