

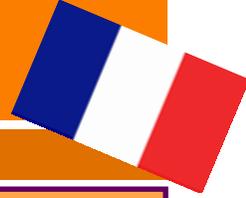
London — Paris — Florence — Venice Rome — New York City



BMGT 428D — Accounting's Future, Present, and Past Winter 2018

3 Credits (counts as an accounting elective for degree requirements)

Led by Accounting Professor: Jim McKinney, PhD, CPA - Faculty Lead and David Weber, JD



Winter 2018 Proposed Itinerary

Tuesday, January 2

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Friday, January 5

Arrive in NYC in afternoon

New York, NY (and Norwalk, CT), USA:

- US Headquarters of Deloitte (Global HQ), EY, KPMG, and PwC
- New York Offices of Grant Thornton
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Financial Accounting Standards Board
- International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board
- Wall Street Financial District Walking Tour
- **Cultural Visit: One World Trade Center Observatory**



Saturday, January 6 -
Thursday, January 11

London, UK:

- Global Headquarters of EY, PwC, and RSM
- International Accounting Standards Board
- Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales
- UK Financial Reporting Council
- London Financial District Walking Tour
- **Cultural Visits: British Museum, St Paul's Cathedral, and Tower of London**



Thursday, January 11 -
Saturday, January 13

Paris, France:

- Compagnie Nationale des Commissaires aux Comptes
- Paris Offices of Deloitte
- **Cultural Visit: Eiffel Tower**

Saturday, January 13

Overnight Train to Florence, Italy via Switzerland

Sunday, January 14 -
Tuesday, January 16

Florence, Italy:

- Day Trip to Venice—Lecture History of Printing
- Day Trip to Sansepolcro—Birthplace of Accounting

Tuesday, January 16 –
Friday, January 19

Rome, Italy:

- Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa (CONSOB)
- Rome Offices of KPMG
- **Cultural Visit: Roman Colosseum**

Friday, January 19

Return to United States

Friday, January 26 and
Friday, February 2

Washington, DC, USA:

- U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
- U.S. Public Company Accounting Oversight Board



Course Description

This course will explore current topical themes in accounting in the United States and abroad as well as look at historic foundations of accounting that brought us to this point. A large part of the course will include visits to sites that are significant to the development of the accounting profession and offices of accounting thought lead-



The course will explore histories behind the institutions and their accounting and auditing pronouncements and publications developed by these same institutions. The course will discuss topical accounting and auditing issues affecting professional accountants at home and abroad. Students will have an option of working with professional accounting and auditing research databases as well as other databases that are useful for accounting and auditing research designed to specifically meet the New York State accounting research requirement for the CPA Exam*. This course will count as an accounting elective for degree requirements for students majoring in accounting.

* Though New York has a regulation requiring an accounting research course/content to sit for the CPA exam in New York, they are currently not enforcing it. This course is designed so that a student who takes it would be in actual compliance with the regulation.

Preliminary estimate of Program Fee: \$3,900: through 1/19, most breakfasts, six group meals, transportation in non-DC locations, transporta-Fee does not include international airfare, visa personal expenses. **Contact Jim McKinney, mailing list.** For more information go to mckinneypd.net. **Early expression of interest will be looked upon favorably in the acceptance process.** Apply at: globalmaryland.umd.edu/offices/education-abroad/program/10939

Fee includes international health insurance, hotels from 1/2 entrance fees at the cultural visits listed above, most public tion to Paris, Florence, Venice, Rome, and Norwalk, CT. processing if applicable, most lunches, many dinners, and jmckinney@rhsmith.umd.edu to be added to the

Open to all majors.
Students must have satisfactorily completed BMGT 220 - Principles of Accounting I prior to start of course.

In addition to the educational benefits, making new friendships, exploring new cultures and countries, I view this course as an employment vehicle — with all our New York and Washington, DC large accounting firm recruiters (some of the largest employers of all business majors) being made aware of the participants, receiving their resumes, and at times interacting with them. The organizations and persons we will meet will affect virtually every business professional in the United States, most business professionals overseas, and almost all large multinational corporations. The organizations you will visit will be integral to your life as a professional and will only increase in importance to you as you progress through your career. Students will be able to compare the professional and educational careers of professional accountants and consultants in the United States, United Kingdom, France, and Italy.

As a student, it is hard to appreciate the access you will be receiving but as you move up your career you will understand the significance. In the past trips our students have met with numerous national accounting partners and accounting organization and regulator board members. For those of you practice in the



area of accounting and finance, even years from now, you will continue to draw on your experiences of the trip, not only based on fond memories, but from the contacts made and the access and significance of the visits of these organizations.

Besides meeting wonderful students, some of my favorite course experiences include holding a 5,000-year-old Babylon Tablet from the British Museum, touching (with gloves) a 500-year-old book, considered to be the first printed accounting treatise, meeting with the RSM Global CEO, meeting the EY Vice-Chairman of the Americas, meeting the FASB Board . . . and watching a live Chelsea game!

Taking the course tells your employer that you are serious about your profession. Not only at the time of being hired but at each stage of your career. While others will talk of their study abroad trips from the pure enjoyment aspect, you will be able to bring in the professional aspects of yours to the table (though you will have plenty fun experiences to remember as well). I have not found a partner or manager who I have talked to who has not said, “I wish I had a course like that when I was younger” – or not said, “can I join you?”

This is a once in a life-time opportunity! I hope you can participate!

- Jim McKinney, Faculty Lead



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All photos are of Smith students who have previously taken the course — This could be you!

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