The accounting concentration of the Ph.D. program is designed to develop scholars for academic careers.

The accounting concentration Ph.D. offers four major research areas – Auditing, Corporate Governance, Financial Accounting, and Tax - utilizing archival, behavioral, and qualitative research methods.

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- In 2018 BYU ranks KSU
  - #18 globally in audit research across all years
  - #31 globally in experimental research across all years
  - #27 globally in research breadth across all years
  - #63 globally overall in all research areas and methods across all years
- AACSB accredited program
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- Diverse research areas and research methods
- Comprehensive database resources such as Audit Analytics, Boardex, Compustat, Capital-IQ, CRSP, and IBES
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- Cohort-based program comprised of 3-day weekend residencies in first 2 years and 1-2 year dissertation following a qualifying exam*
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