

Nicolas Watkins

Forensic Accounting Intern

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SUMMARY

Dedicated accounting student eager to contribute to investigative engagements. Hands-on experience gained through academic projects enhancing analytical skills in financial evaluations and business consulting. Proficient in Microsoft Excel, adept at using advanced features for data analysis. Strong commitment to delivering high-quality outcomes while collaborating effectively with teams. Demonstrated ability to navigate complex scenarios in financial mismanagement evaluations, strengthening proficiency in forensic practices. Eager to bring keen analytical insight into a professional setting that values detail-oriented contributions to inspire client trust.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Accounting

Ohio State University 🎓 GPA: 3.5 📅 2027 📍 Columbus, OH

Coursework: Financial Analysis, Forensic Accounting, Business Law, Taxation

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Data Analysis Tools:** Microsoft Excel, SPSS, Tableau
- **Reporting Software:** Tableau, Crystal Reports, MS Word
- **Presentation Tools:** PowerPoint, Google Slides, Prezi
- **Accounting Standards:** GAAP, IFRS, FASB
- **Research Methodologies:** Qualitative, Quantitative, Mixed Methods
- **Financial Modeling Techniques:** Trusted Estimate, Historical Data Forecasting, Scenario Analysis
- **Collaboration Platforms:** Microsoft Teams, Slack, Zoom
- **Project Management Tools:** Trello, Asana, JIRA
- **Statistical Analysis Tools:** R, Python, MATLAB
- **Business Applications:** QuickBooks, Sage, FreshBooks

SKILLS

- Forensic Accounting
- Financial Analysis
- Microsoft Excel
- Data Analysis
- Team Collaboration
- Research Skills
- Communication Skills
- Strategic Planning
- Presentation Skills
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Report Writing
- Public Speaking
- Data Interpretation
- Case Studies

EXPERIENCE

Forensic Accounting Researcher

University Project 📅 January 2026 - May 2026 📍 Columbus, OH

Supported forensic accounting research by analyzing financial statements in simulated cases, working collaboratively with peers on analytical frameworks. Formulated reports displaying findings effectively for stakeholder review, thus reinforcing communication skills in complex discussions. Measured impact of outreach during presentations, enhancing delivery techniques.

- Conducted comprehensive analysis of financial statements for simulated business scenarios, identifying discrepancies and potential fraud indicators.
- Collaborated with peers to develop a reporting framework for presenting findings to stakeholders, enhancing communication skills.
- Utilized advanced Excel functions to analyze large datasets, improving efficiency in data processing and presentation.
- Created detailed reports summarizing research findings, showcasing analytical and critical thinking skills.
- Participated in peer review sessions to refine research methodologies and presentation techniques, bolstering teamwork and collaboration.
- Presented findings at a university symposium, receiving positive feedback for clarity and depth of analysis.

Investigative Accounting Case Study

University Project 📅 September 2025 - December 2025 📍 Columbus, OH

Analyzed a complex case involving financial mismanagement, refining problem-solving abilities while developing strategic recovery recommendations based on historical data patterns. Engaged with group discussions complemented by public speaking experiences in the project presentations.

- Analyzed a case study involving a fictional company's financial mismanagement, identifying key areas of concern and potential recovery strategies.
- Developed a comprehensive financial forecast based on historical data, enhancing understanding of economic damage evaluations.

- Presented recommendations to classmates, practicing public speaking and persuasive communication skills.
- Engaged in group discussions to evaluate various accounting frameworks, fostering critical thinking and problem-solving abilities.
- Applied Microsoft Excel for financial modeling, demonstrating proficiency in intermediate and advanced functionalities.
- Collaborated effectively within a team to deliver a cohesive final project, showcasing teamwork and project management.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Dean's List - Fall 2025, Spring 2026
- Accounting Student of the Month - March 2026

CERTIFICATIONS

- Microsoft Excel Certification 📅 2026
- Forensic Accounting Certificate 📅 2026

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Accounting Club
- Volunteer, Local Food Bank

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- Spanish (Intermediate)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST