



SDSU Student Accounting Society

Meeting Minutes: [Grant Thornton] [Opportunities at Grant Thornton]

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Presenters:

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Presentation:

Who are they

- Grant Thornton are a prime middle market public accounting firm
- Likes middle market because of interesting clients, and be able to have smaller engagements for clients and get to really know the client
- Only firm in the middle market with the same structure as a big four firm

What they do

- Audit
- Tax
- Advisory
- Global public sector

Audit Day to Day

- Get assigned an engagement and get familiar with the client
- Go to meeting with client and get comfortable interacting with the client
- Will get assigned to an assignment, like working on the revenue cycle or the cash cycle that you will work on for the week
- Will continue to work on different areas for the client throughout the engagement

Advisory Day to Day

- Spending a lot of time with a single client helping to fix issues with the client
- Mainly helping solve problems and business issues
- Similar to Audit were you still go to clients and talk and engage with clients

Tax Day to Day

- When starting in tax, will go into a program where you will learn about the many fields of tax, like state and local tax, private wealth services, international tax, specialty tax services, etc.
- Usually travel less than Audit, but talk with clients through phone or email
- Can travel to clients for meetings, but not for engagements

What Keeps Employees at Grant Thornton

- They stay for the people that work there

- The firm is able to be flexible for employees needs, and want to do what they can to help out with the employees in being flexible

Questions:

Is a masters required to move up at Grant Thornton?

No, only need your CPA to move up to manager at Grant Thornton, but masters will not hurt to have.

Does Grant Thornton have any resources for the CPA?

Grant Thornton reimburses the first test when get a full time offer, also offers Becker CPA to help study for the exams.