

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY (MPAC)

The MPAc program combines a solid foundation in accounting with courses that build professional skills. This professionally managed program can be completed in as little as two full-time semesters [summer/summer, summer/fall, fall/spring, or spring/summer].

The MPAc program can also be completed with a tax concentration which is designed for students who want to combine advanced accounting courses with courses in taxation. This program can be completed in as little as two full-time semesters [summer/fall or summer/summer]. Students who complete the MPAc-TAX program may continue on and earn a dual degree by successfully completing six additional tax courses; thereby also earning a Master of Science in Taxation. To earn both degrees, students complete a total of 48 credits.

The MPAc program requires the completion of 30 credits which help to satisfy the 150 hour requirement for CPA licensure, while preparing graduates for successful careers in accounting.

The learning goals of the Master of Professional Accountancy program are:

Goal 1

Analyze accounting situations

1. Recognize accounting issues in business situations
 - a. Identify relevant accounting issues and
 - b. Compare merits of alternatives.
2. Develop appropriate recommendations
 - a. Recognize current professional standards and/or practices and
 - b. Form reasonable conclusions.

Goal 2

Demonstrate effective communication skills for professional accountancy

1. Effectively write in an accounting context.
2. Effectively speak in an accounting context.

Goal 3

Research contemporary accounting topics

1. Demonstrate an ability to locate relevant professional standards and practices for guidance.
2. Identify appropriate keywords to search for current literature.
3. Interpret and explain discipline-based research.

Goal 4

Show effective leadership skills

1. Demonstrate project leadership skills.
2. Apply effective governance principles for accountability.

Required Courses

MPAC 515	Preparing for MPAc Success
MPAC 600	Advanced Assurance and Professional Oversight
MPAC 605	Corporate Governance in the 21st Century
MPAC 615	Project Management for Accounting Leadership
MPAC 620	Advanced Accounting Information Systems

	or MPAC 620 Accounting Analytics
MPAC 625	Government and Not-For-Profit Accounting
MPAC 630	Accounting Theory
MPAC 635	Multinational Accounting
MPAC 640	Research and Communication
MPAC 645	Management Control Systems
MPAC 650	Accounting for Income Taxes