

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING (MSA)

The Master of Science in Accounting (MSA) 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 MSA program can also be completed with an analytics specialization which is designed for students who want to combine advanced accounting courses with additional courses in data analytics. This option can be completed in as few as two full-time semesters using a spring / summer plan.

The MSA program can be completed with a tax specialization 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].

The MSA 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 SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING PROGRAM ARE:

GOAL 1

Analyze Pac 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 accountability.

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.

Master of Science in Accounting Degree Requirements:

Required Courses

ACG 515	Preparing for MSA Success	0
ACG 602	Advanced Assurance and Professional Oversight	3
ACG 603	Corporate Governance in the 21st Century	3
ACG 607	Accounting Project Design and Analysis	3
ACG 608	Accounting Analytics	3
ACG 609	Accounting Theory	3
ACG 620	Analysis of Multinational Accounting	3
ACG 622	Research, Communication and Analysis	3
ACG 623	Analysis of Management Control Systems	3
ACG 624	Analysis of Income Tax Accounting	3
ACG 625	Analysis of Governmental Accounting	3

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Master of Science in Accounting with an Analytics Specialization Degree Requirements:

Required Courses

ACG 515	Preparing for MSA Success	0
ACG 608	Accounting Analytics	3
AA 630	Data Management for Analytics	3
AA 640	Data Visualization and Text Mining	3
AA 645	Data Mining and Predictive Analytics	3

Elective Courses

Select 6 from the following courses:

ACG 602	Advanced Assurance and Professional Oversight	3
ACG 603	Corporate Governance in the 21st Century	3
ACG 607	Accounting Project Design and Analysis	3
ACG 609	Accounting Theory	3
ACG 620	Analysis of Multinational Accounting	3
ACG 622	Research, Communication and Analysis	3
ACG 623	Analysis of Management Control Systems	3
ACG 624	Analysis of Income Tax Accounting	3
ACG 625	Analysis of Governmental Accounting	3

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Master of Science in Accounting with a Tax Specialization Degree Requirements:

Required Courses:

ACG 515	Preparing for MSA Success	0
TAX 600	Individual Income Taxation	3
TAX 605	Sales and Exchanges of Property	3
TAX 610	Corporations and Shareholders	3
TAX 625	Partnership Income Tax Problems	3

Students must select 6 courses from the following electives.:

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ACG 603	Corporate Governance in the 21st Century	3
ACG 607	Accounting Project Design and Analysis	3
ACG 609	Accounting Theory	3
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