

DUAL-DEGREE BACHELOR'S/ MS IN ACCOUNTING (4+1)

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Our Dual-Degree BS/MS and BA/MS in Accounting (4+1) programs answer the widespread demand for well-trained certified public accountants. The curriculum takes 5 years and provides a foundation in the principles, concepts and technical practices of accounting, while the master of science degree covers the advanced skills and accounting theory to maximize your success on the Certified Public Accountant certification exam. The curriculum is designed to help you seamlessly transition from undergraduate to graduate study and complete the 150-credit education requirement to sit for the CPA exam.

The dual-degree program is primarily designed for outstanding undergraduate accounting majors or minors, but students in other majors also may apply. Qualified students apply for this program in the Spring of their junior year or the Fall of their senior year.

Dual-degree accounting students have access to the same internship opportunities as the traditional BS, BA and MS program students. They also can take advantage of networking events and career fairs that bring representatives from Big 4 accounting firms and other employers from the public, private and government sectors to campus.

Career development is central to both programs. You'll receive guidance not only from our dedicated faculty and staff, but also a vast network of alumni eager to assist in internship and job search. Job fairs and recruiting events also connect you with representatives from prominent firms. With a comprehensive understanding of business, practical experiences and a foundation in related subjects such as economics and finance, you'll graduate with a step up on your competition, ready to excel in a range of careers.

Dual-Degree BS/MSA or BA/MSA (4+1) Program of Study

The MS in Accounting program is designed to prepare candidates to satisfy the 150 credits requirement and to position them for success in the CPA exam. The program will position successful graduates for careers in professional services firms, business corporations, governmental agencies, and business consulting firms among others. The program provides students with in-depth accounting knowledge and skills necessary to be successful accounting professionals. Notably, there is a large demand for well-trained accounting professionals in public and private accounting, as well as in government.

MSA Program of Study

Code	Title	Credits
Fifth Year (Graduate Study)		
Fall Semester		
AC 635	Advanced Financial Accounting	3
AC 645	Information Assurance	3
AC 650	Advanced Accounting Information Systems	3
MSA Elective		3
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Spring Semester		
AC 660	Strategic Management Control Systems	3
AC 670	Advanced Business Law, Regulation, Ethics and Reporting Environments	3
AC 680	Advanced Federal Income Taxation and Tax Research	3
MSA Elective		3
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Total Credits		30

Interested students must apply for admission to the BS/MSA or BA/MSA program during the last semester of their junior year or the first semester of their senior year using a special application form available in the School of Business. Admission requires a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in an accounting major or accounting minor. Students not enrolled as an accounting major or accounting minor must meet with the program director to discuss their candidacy for the program.

Meeting the minimum standards as listed above does not guarantee admission to the program. Students are not admitted officially into the MS in Accounting program until they graduate with their bachelor's degree and meet all other requirements. Once admitted, students begin full-time study in the MS in Accounting program.