

ACCELERATED DUAL-DEGREE BS/MS IN ACCOUNTING (3+1)

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The Accelerated Dual-Degree Bachelor of Science/Master of Science in Accounting (3+1) is designed for outstanding School of Business students—those who rank in the top 20 percent of their high school class and have a combined critical reading and math SAT score of 1200 or a composite ACT of 25.

The MS in Accounting program is designed to prepare candidates to satisfy the 150 credit hours 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.

Students enter the program as first-year students and learn at an accelerated pace to earn a bachelor's degree in three years and an MSA in the fourth.

Unique Program Features

- Total savings of up to 30 percent over traditional five-year BS/MSA option
- An optional residential cohort first-year experience with other four-year BS/MSA students
- Dedicated resident assistant and study lounge in first-year cohort housing
- Community-building welcome event in August
- Dedicated program director
- Scholarship carried from year three to year four, subject to a 3.00 GPA and continued program enrollment

This program provides a flat tuition rate that will not increase each year resulting in a substantial savings over four years.

Classes are offered both in a traditional on-campus setting as well online in the summer.

The four-year experience includes an applied learning experience such as internships-for-credit.

Students in the Accelerated Dual-Degree BS/MSA (3+1) program live in one of the university's housing options for the first three years.

Accelerated Dual-Degree BS/MSA (3+1) Program of Study

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a large demand for well-trained accounting professionals in public and private accounting, as well as in government.

In the first three years, students complete the undergraduate Accounting major (<http://catalog.qu.edu/business/accounting/accounting-bs/#text>) **or any other undergraduate business major in conjunction with the Accounting minor.** (<http://catalog.qu.edu/business/accounting/accounting-minor/>)

MSA Program of Study

Code	Title	Credits
Fourth Year (Graduate Study)		
Fall Semester		
AC 635	Advanced Topics in Financial Accounting and Reporting	3
AC 645	Information Assurance	3
AC 650	Advanced Accounting Information Systems	3
MSA Elective		3
MSA Elective		3
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

Please refer to the MSA Curriculum (<http://catalog.qu.edu/graduate-studies/business/accounting-ms/#curriculumtext>) page for electives.

Admission Requirements: Accelerated Dual-Degree BS/MSA (3+1)

The Accelerated Dual-Degree BS/MSA (3+1) program does not have a separate application process. Students admitted to the School of Business who meet the program criteria will be invited to enter the program. To be considered for this accelerated program, students generally must be ranked in the top 20 percent of their high school class and must have a total SAT score (critical reading and math) of 1200 or higher, or an ACT composite score of 27 or higher.

Admission to the university is competitive, and applicants are expected to present a strong college prep program in high school. Prospective first-year students are strongly encouraged to file an application as early in the senior year as possible and arrange to have first quarter grades sent from their high school counselor as soon as they are available.

For detailed admission requirements, including required documents, please visit the **Admissions** page of this catalog.

University Honors Program

The University Honors Program has been developed to foster the needs and interests of our most academically talented and committed students. Honors students participate in small seminar courses with

instructors dedicated to working cooperatively to mold a unique learning environment. This student-centered approach supports increasingly independent learning and also engages students in the larger campus as well as regional, national and world communities.

Each year, the honors program welcomes incoming first-year students with strong academic records. Entry to the program is by application. Students who have received their acceptance to Quinnipiac may apply for admission to the honors program in February and will learn of their status before May 1. Students also may apply after the February deadline and, if accepted, will be admitted on a wait-list basis. Interested students may inquire with the director or the admissions office at any time during the admissions process and into the summer. After their first or second semester, students with strong records of achievement and a demonstrated desire to share their intellectual curiosity and engagement with others may apply to join the program.

Visit the University Honors Program (<http://catalog.qu.edu/academics/honors-program/>) page for more information.