

Accelerated BS to MSA Degree Program for Accountancy Majors

The Accelerated BS to MSA degree program offers several advantages. The program:

- Accelerates the attainment of an advanced degree
- Facilitates seamless transition to a master's degree
- Increases students' marketability in the workforce
- Saves students time and money

Admission Requirements

Accountancy students may apply to the program upon completion of 60 credits, and upon acceptance, take two graduate courses (6 credits) within their last 30 undergraduate credits.

Specific admission requirements include:

- Accountancy major (Pre-requisite courses include: Principles of Accounting 1 & 2 (AC-151/152), Intermediate Accounting Theory 1 & 2 (AC-331/332), an advanced Accounting course (AC-3XX/4XX) and Macro Economics (EC-101) and Micro Economics (EC-102)
- Successful completion of 60 credits
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, Major GPA of 3.0 or higher, and Cognate Course GPA of 3.0 or higher; at the time of application and when the BS degree is completed
- Complete the BS degree in four (4) years or less
- Submission of the graduate application, personal statement (500+ words), and résumé
- Official transcript(s) will be obtained from Enrollment Services
- Two letters of recommendation from the Accounting Department faculty (one recommendation may be from a business-related department faculty member)
- An interview may be required

Students may apply to the program by November 1st, but not later than March 1st, prior to their last 30 credits.

Credits and Curriculum

The Masters of Science in Accounting is 30 credits. If accepted into the accelerated program, students will take up to six graduate credits in either the fall or spring trimester within their last 30 credits. (**Note:** Students are not permitted to take courses in the winter trimester.) Students will meet with a graduate programs advisor to choose these courses from among the MSA Core Courses* listed below. Graduate courses taken while an undergraduate are billed at the undergraduate tuition rate and fulfill course requirements for the Bachelor's and Master's degrees. The bachelor's degree will be awarded upon successful completion of all requirements for the undergraduate degree. **Note:** The University will apply the initial 6 graduate credits to the graduate transcript upon completion of 12 additional graduate credits.

Upon completion of the bachelor's degree, students take all graduate courses and will enroll in at least two courses in each of the subsequent trimesters until completed¹. All graduate courses are billed at the graduate tuition rate. Upon successful completion of the remaining graduate credits, the student will be awarded the Master of Science degree.

*MSA Core and Risk Management Concentration Courses

AC 520 Financial Accounting & Reporting
AC 541 Internal Controls and Sarbanes Oxley Compliance
AC 543 Forensic Accounting and Internal Auditing
AC Elective

GB 517 Business Ethics
GB 629 Enterprise Risk Management
GB 630 Strategic Risk Management
GB 631 Risk Management and Insurance

¹Students can complete the program in four or less trimesters after receiving their bachelor's degree.

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