

Accelerated BSBA to MSA Degree Program for SPCS Accountancy Majors

The Accelerated BSBA 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

SPCS accounting students may apply to the program upon completion of 90 credits and upon acceptance, take two graduate courses (6 credits) within their last 30 undergraduate credits.

Specific admission requirements include:

- Accounting major (Pre-requisite courses include: Principles of Accounting 1 & 2, Intermediate Accounting Theory 1 & 2, an advanced Accounting course and Macro and Micro Economics)
- Successful completion of 90 credits
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and Major GPA of 3.0 or higher at the time of application and when the BS degree is completed
- Submission of the graduate application, personal statement (500+ words), and résumé
- Two letters of recommendation
- An interview may be required

Students may apply to the program once they have completed 90 credits, but not later than the last 15 credits in their major and cognate courses so as to facilitate two graduate courses to be substituted for two undergraduate accounting/business courses.

Credits and Curriculum

The Masters of Science in Accounting is 30 credits. If accepted into the accelerated program, students may take up to six graduate credits in either the fall or spring trimester during 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 Courses* listed below. Graduate courses taken within the last 30 credits are billed at the SPCS 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 are expected to 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 a 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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