ACCELERATED BS/MS ACCOUNTING

The Accelerated BS/MS Accounting (BS/MSA) program allows honors students and other outstanding accounting majors to complete the 150 credits of pre-CPA certification education required by the Accountancy Board of the State of Ohio and earn both a bachelors and masters degree in accounting. Honors and other outstanding students will be targeted as soon as they identify accounting as a major and will be officially accepted into the accelerated program at the start of their senior year.

To receive official acceptance into the program, students must satisfy the following requirements:

- Provide two letters of recommendation from CBA faculty
- Earn at least a B in 6200:301 Cost Management and Control, 6200:320 Accounting Systems and Internal Control, 6200:321 Financial Reporting and Analysis I, and 6200:322 Financial Reporting and Analysis II. Students applying for acceptance into this program cannot repeat any of these four courses required for admission to make the minimum grade of a B.
- Earn an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher in accounting courses, in business courses, and in all University of Akron courses
- Apply to be and be accepted into Graduate School by the start of their senior year.

BS/MSA students will be monitored closely and be given professional accounting advice through the School of Accountancy. Students must earn and maintain a 3.0 or better GPA (business, accounting, and overall) to stay in the program. Students who are not able to do so will complete the regular bachelor’s program instead of the accelerated BS/MSA program.

All students in the program will complete 30 credits of graduate courses to fulfill the requirements for the masters degree. They will complete nine credits of 500-level graduate courses during their fourth (senior) year and the remaining 21 credits of 600-level graduate courses during their fifth year. The nine credits of 500-level graduate courses will count toward both their graduate and undergraduate degree programs. A total of 150 credits of graduate and undergraduate courses are required to complete the Accelerated BS/MSA program.

BS/MSA students must complete a total of 30 graduate credits from the following groups of courses listed below. No more than nine credits can be 500-level (6200:5xx) courses. At least 12 credits must be 600-level accounting (6200:6xx) courses.

Group A: Accounting and Assurance Core - 12-15 credits
- 6200:615 Enterprise Systems & Internal Control (3 credits)
- 6200:637 Contemporary Accounting Issues (3 credits)
- 6200:658 Enterprise Risk Assessment and Assurance (3 credits)
- 6200:660 Accounting and Assurance Project (capstone course) (3 credits)
- 6200:520 Advanced Financial Reporting and Analysis* (3 credits)

* All courses in this group are required except for 6200:520 Advanced Financial Reporting and Analysis, which is not required for students in the AIS option. Students who have completed a similar advanced accounting course at the undergraduate level must take a different course.

Group B: Taxation Core - 3-6 credits
- 6200:627 Federal Taxation (3 credits)
- 6200:531 Business Entity Taxation * (3 credits)
- 6200:628 Tax Research (3 credits)
- 6200:631 Corporate Taxation I (3 credits)

* Students are required to take a different taxation course if they have completed the equivalent of 6200:627 Federal Taxation or 6200:531 Business Entity Taxation. Students are required to complete at least one course but no more than two courses in the taxation core.

Group C: Accounting Electives - 0-6 credits
- 6200:554 Information Systems Security (3 credits)
- 6200:570 Governmental Accounting (3 credits)
- 6200:629 Tax Crimes and Forensics (3 credits)
- 6200:659 Assurance Services and Data Mining (3 credits)

These electives are open only to students who have not previously completed similar courses.

Group D: Information Systems Electives - 0-9 credits
- 6500:520 Data Networks & Security (3 credits)
- 6500:643 Analysis & Design of Business Systems (3 credits)
- 6500:641 Business Database Systems (3 credits)
- 6500:645 Software Development and Quality Assurance (3 credits)
- 6500:678 Project Management (3 credits)

The School of Accountancy may approve or substitute other relevant information systems courses not listed in Group D above. Students pursuing the Accounting Information Systems Option must complete a minimum of 12 credits of information systems courses (i.e., Group D and accounting information systems courses from Group C).

Group E: Finance Electives - 0-9 credits
- 6400:631 Financial Markets & Institutions (3 credits)
- 6400:645 Investment Analysis (3 credits)
- 6400:674 Strategic Financial Decision Making (3 credits)
- 6400:678 Capital Budgeting (3 credits)

The School of Accountancy may approve or substitute other relevant finance courses not listed in Group E above.

Admission Requirements
- Graduate School application and fee
- Official transcripts
- GMAT (score of 500 or better preferred), GRE, LSAT, PCAT, or MCAT scores
• Two letters of recommendation
• Statement of purpose
• Resume

Application Deadline
• July 15 for Fall enrollment
• November 15 for Spring enrollment
• April 15 for Summer enrollment

International Student Applications
It is recommended that international students apply one month prior to these dates to allow time for admission and I-20 visa processing. I-20 forms are processed by UA Immigration Services in the International Center, Buchtel Hall, Suite 202. Proof of English Language Proficiency is required by producing an acceptable TOEFL or IELTS score.

Students currently admitted to this program may have different course requirements than those listed here. Refer to your official Program Checklist and DPR in My Akron for your program requirements.

Degree Offered: MS Accountancy

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