ACCOUNTING, ACCELERATED BS/MSA

The Accelerated BS/MS Accounting (BS/MSA) program allows outstanding accounting majors to complete the 150 credits of CPA certification education required by the Accountancy Board of the State of Ohio and earn both a bachelor’s and master’s degree in accounting.

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

- Provide two letters of recommendation from CBA faculty
- Earn an overall GPA of 3.3 or higher and a 3.0 or higher GPA in accounting courses.
- Apply and be accepted into Graduate School.

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 (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.

Admission Requirements

- Graduate School application and fee
- Official transcripts
- GMAT (https://www.mba.com/) (score of 500 or better preferred), GRE (https://www.ets.org/gre/), LSAT (https://www.lsac.org/lsat/), PCAT (http://pcatweb.info/), or MCAT (https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/taking-mcat-exam/) score. The GMAT may be waived based on course requirements.
- Letter of Intent
- Resume

Application Deadline

- August 1 for Fall enrollment
- December 1 for Spring enrollment
- May 1 for Summer enrollment

International Student Applications

I-20 forms used for visa approval are processed by UA student immigration services in the International Center: https://www.uakron.edu/international/. 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

Program Contact: gradbusiness@uakron.edu

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.

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Admission Policy

To be considered for acceptance to one of the graduate programs in the College of Business (CoB) at The University of Akron, the following admission criteria are examined:

- A preferred minimum of 3.0 GPA, on a 4.0 scale, from an accredited undergraduate program.
- For those that have lower than a 3.0 GPA, individual consideration may be made based upon the GMAT, GRE, or equivalent scores.
- For those that have a 3.0 GPA or higher, but lack three years of work experience, a GMAT score of 500 or higher is preferred to indicate potential success in the graduate program.
- Admittance without a GMAT test requirement may be granted to those holding a graduate degree from an accredited university or those with three or more years of professional work experience beyond the earned bachelor’s degree.
- Applicants holding a degree from outside the United States and with an academic standing of first or high second class, satisfactory evidence of competence in English (i.e., TOEFL score of 79 or above or IELTS score of 6.5 or above) is required.
- In all situations, when the graduate committee has reservations about the potential success of a candidate, a GMAT score may be required.
- For those that are admitted on a provisional basis (less than complete acceptance), the course grades and overall GPA will be examined to determine if the student may continue with graduate coursework.

Even though an applicant is eligible for consideration, an offer of admission is not guaranteed. Since staff, facilities, and resources are limited, a determination will be made as to the number of applicants that can be adequately served among those eligible for admission. As a result, offers of admission may be limited to only the most qualified of
eligible applicants as determined by the College of Business Graduate Committee. The committee considers the following factors: difficulty of the applicant’s undergraduate program; length of time and activities since graduation; and the percentile ranking on standardized entrance exams (e.g., GMAT, GRE, etc.).

Those applicants previously denied admission may, upon presentation of new information, be reconsidered. The applicant must petition the College of Business Graduate Committee in writing and provide those reasons relevant to the situation which demonstrate the likelihood of success. In all cases, the burden of proof is on the applicant.

Under the regulations of the Graduate School, eligible applicants who have been extended an offer of admission by the CoB Graduate Admissions Committee are recommended to the Dean of the Graduate School for either “full” or “provisional” graduate status. Students admitted with “provisional” status who have not attained an overall 3.0 GPA upon completion of 12 graduate credits will be dismissed from the program. Official admission decisions will come from the Dean of the Graduate School.

Degree Requirements
To be awarded any master’s degree from the College of Business, a student must (https://bulletin.uakron.edu/graduate/masters-degree-requirements (https://bulletin.uakron.edu/graduate/masters-degree-requirements/)):

• Meet the time and grade-point requirements of the Graduate School.
• Complete the minimum credits in each of the degree program descriptions.
• Complete all course and program requirements of applicable master’s program.

Questions regarding these Policies, Procedures, and Requirements may be sent via e-mail to gradbusiness@uakron.edu (grad.cba@uakron.edu).

Graduate Internships
It is preferred that all full-time CoB graduate students without extensive work experience participate in an internship to gain practical experience in the field of study. The internship may be paid or unpaid. Students admitted to programs requiring internships must participate in an internship as outlined in the program requirements.

Additional Degrees
For a student who has already obtained one master's degree in business, it is possible to pursue another degree in the college provided that:

1. The program must be unique from the earlier degree program(s).
2. The desired program (degree requirements) is specifically approved in advance by the CoB Director of Graduate Programs; and
3. No fewer than 20 new credits are earned for the second degree.

Transfer Policy
The College of Business will permit up to one-third of program credits of comparable graduate credits to be transferred in a graduate business program. These credits must be pre-approved by the CoB Director of Graduate Programs. This policy also applies to those students pursuing additional graduate degrees.