ACCOUNTING, ACCELERATED BS/MSA

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 by 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.

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.
- Two letters of recommendation
- Statement of purpose
- Resume

Application Deadline

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

International Student Applications

It is recommended that international students apply six weeks 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

Program Contact: grad.cba@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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Total Hours: 30

Admission Policy

The applicant must meet one (1) of the following eligibility requirements which are consistent with the Graduate School and the college’s accrediting agency (AACSB).

- Hold a domestic bacalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university and have a total index score of 1,050 or more based upon the overall undergraduate grade point average (GPA) (A=4.0) times 200 plus the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) score. Students who have taken the GRE, MCAT, or LSAT may request consideration for admission based upon those entrance exam scores. To be considered the applicant should score at or above the 50th percentile on each section of the exam. Applicants holding either a master’s, doctoral, or juris doctor degree from an American university may request consideration for admission based on the graduate degree. The individual’s total application will be reviewed, and the graduate admissions committee reserves the right to require the GMAT for admission of the applicant.
- Hold a domestic bacalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university and have a total index score of 1,100 or more
based on the junior-senior (i.e., last 64 semester or 96 quarter credits) GPA (A=4.0) times 200 plus the GMAT score.

• Hold a degree from outside the United States and have an academic standing of first or high second class, satisfactory evidence of competence in English (i.e., TOEFL score of 79 or above) and a score of at least 500 on the GMAT.

• Applicants may petition the Graduate Admissions Committee for a waiver of the GMAT, GRE, or other standardized test if they have achieved three years of professional responsibilities after completion of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. Contact the Graduate Programs Office in the College of Business Administration for waiver request process.

An admission interview will be required of students wishing to be admitted to the MBA program coming directly from an undergraduate program with no professional work experience.

Students admitted on a provisional basis must achieve a composite index of 1,150 based on foundation course GPA times 200 plus GMAT score.

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 CBA Graduate Admissions 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 the GMAT.

In rare instances, the applicant who has taken the GMAT but does not meet requirements may be considered for admission. Also, those applicants previously denied admission may, upon presentation of new information, be reconsidered. In either case, the applicant must petition the CBA Graduate Admissions 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 CBA 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. Students admitted as non-degree seeking are restricted to enrolling in a maximum of nine credits of Gateway courses only.

Degree Requirements
To be awarded any master’s degree from the College of Business Administration, a student must:

• 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 grad.cba@uakron.edu. Further information may be found at the College of Business Administration website: mba.uakron.edu (http://mba.uakron.edu).

Transfer Policy
The College of Business Administration will permit nine credits of comparable graduate credits to be transferred in a graduate business program. These credits must be pre-approved by the CBA Director of Graduate Programs. This nine credit policy also applies to second degree applicants.

Second Degree
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. no second MBA is to be obtained;
2. the desired program (degree requirements) is specifically approved in advance by the CBA Director of Graduate Programs; and
3. no fewer than 21 new credits are earned for the second degree.

Graduate Internships
It is preferred that all full-time CBA graduate students participate in an internship to gain practical experience in the field of study. The internship may be paid or unpaid.