ACCOUNTING, ACCELERATED BS/MASTER OF TAXATION

The Accelerated BS Accounting/Master of Taxation program, the only one of its kind in the State of Ohio, offers students who wish to pursue a professional career in taxation the opportunity to complete both the BS Accounting (BSA) and Master of Taxation (MTax) in 150 semester credit hours. Students who complete the program are eligible to sit for the CPA examination in the State of Ohio and many other states. In addition to a broad undergraduate degree in accounting, Accelerated BSA/MTax students develop substantive technical and professional knowledge needed to function as taxation specialists in the United States.

The University of Akron also offers the highly attractive joint JD/MTax degree. This means that students with an interest in law will have the option to combine the Accelerated BSA/MTax with the JD. With careful planning students may be able to complete the JD/MTax in as little as three years beyond the BS Accounting degree. An outline of the Accelerated BSA/MTax curriculum appears below. Because graduate taxation courses are offered only once per academic year, students must follow that outline in order to graduate in a timely manner.

Features of the MTax program include course taught by experts with significant tax experience, emphasis on tax practice, courses meet during the evening, and exceptional reputation among employers. Graduates of the program are highly recruited.

Eligibility requirements for graduate portion of BSA/MTax:
- Completion of an internship in taxation or equivalent.
- Earn an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher in accounting courses, in business courses, and in all University of Akron courses.
- Apply and be accepted into Graduate School no later than the middle of the spring semester of the senior year.
- The GMAT is not required for students who satisfy the other Accelerated BSA/MTax admission requirements.

Admission Requirements
- Graduate School application and fee
- Official transcripts from each institution attended
- 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 is not required for students who satisfy the other Accelerated BSA/MTax admission 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: MTax Master of Taxation

Program Contact: grad.cba@uakron.edu

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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 baccalaureate 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 on 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 baccalaureate 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.

Procedure

All official test score reports should be sent to the Graduate School, The University of Akron, Akron OH 44325-2101 (institution code 1829). The GMAT is administered world-wide and the applicant should register for it sufficiently in advance to the filing of the graduate application to avoid delay of evaluation of the application for admission. Those who have test scores more than five years old are normally required to retake the exam.

The CBA Graduate Admissions Committee meets monthly and considers all completed applications on hand at the time of each meeting. Applicants will be informed of admission decisions once the Dean of the Graduate School has acted upon the recommendation of the CBA Admissions Committee.

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.