

ACCOUNTING, MSA

The Master of Science in Accountancy is a federally approved STEM degree program offering students the opportunity to develop substantive knowledge, skills, and abilities in accounting. It allows students without undergraduate degrees in accounting to combine their diverse backgrounds with a graduate degree in accounting.

Program Learning Goals

Consistent with the School's mission, students in the program will:

- Develop advanced knowledge and understanding of accounting concepts, the regulatory environment, and professional practice issues and challenges;
- Enhance their critical thinking skills and develop the ability to apply advanced knowledge of accounting concepts, principles and practices in innovative ways;
- Develop the ability to research accounting issues and write research reports that incorporate qualitative and quantitative data analysis and integrate information from multiple sources;
- Demonstrate effective written and oral communication skills;
- Understand and appreciate the role of information technology in contemporary accounting, research, and decision-making; and
- Understand and appreciate the significance of ethics, professionalism, and social responsibility in accounting.

Admission Requirements

- Graduate School application
- Official transcripts from each institution attended
- 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.

The MSA is an approved Federal STEM Degree Program. Graduates from this program residing on student visas are eligible for a 24-month optional practical training (OPT) extension beyond the standard 12-month period for this STEM-certified degree.

Degree Offered: MS Accountancy

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The Program

Individuals with a non-business undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited institution or international equivalent must take the Pre-MSA Foundation Courses and the Pre-MSA Financial Reporting Courses. Individuals with a non-accounting business undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited institution or international equivalent must take

the Pre-MSA Financial Reporting Courses. Students who have completed similar courses at the undergraduate or graduate level may apply for waivers.

Pre-MSA Foundation Courses

All foundation courses must be taken prior to courses in the MSA program. An exception to this policy may be made for students who have received waivers from foundation courses.

Code	Title	Hours
ACCT 524	Business Law	3
ACCT 601	Financial Accounting	3
FIN 602	Managerial Finance	3
MGMT 601	Business Analytics and Information Strategy	3
Total Hours		12

Pre-MSA Financial Reporting Courses

All Pre-MSA Financial Reporting Courses with the exception of ACCT 540 Assurance Services and Professional Responsibilities must be completed prior to taking courses in the MSA program.

Code	Title	Hours
ACCT 621 or ACCT 321	Corporate Accounting & Financial Reporting I Financial Reporting and Analysis I	3
ACCT 622 or ACCT 322	Corporate Accounting & Financial Reporting II Financial Reporting and Analysis II	3
ACCT 610 or ACCT 301	Process Analysis & Cost Management Cost Management and Control	3
ACCT 540	Assurance Services and Professional Responsibilities	3
Total Hours		12

Students in the MSA must complete a total of 30 credits from the groups of courses listed below. At least 21 credits must be at the 600-level; a minimum of 15 credits must be graduate accounting courses, and at least 12 credits must be 600-level accounting courses.

Students must take two STEM elective courses and take an additional two elective courses. These two additional courses can be from the STEM or non-STEM lists. At least 6 elective credits must be prefixed ACCT.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses (18 credits)		18
ACCT 520	Advanced Financial Reporting and Analysis ¹	3
ACCT 628	Tax Research and Business Analytics	3
ACCT 637	Business Analysis and Valuation	3
ACCT 658	Internal Audit and Enterprise Risk	3
ACCT 659	Data Analysis and Assurance Services	3
ACCT 665	Fraud and Financial Forensics	3
Elective Courses (12 hours) ²		12
STEM Elective Courses		
ACCT 550	Advanced Applied Analytics & Decision Analysis	3
ACCT 554	Information Systems Security	3
ACCT 570	Governmental Accounting	3
FIN 589	Financial Analytics	3
FIN 674	Strategic Financial Decision Making	3

FIN 678	Capital Budgeting	3
ISM 602	Programming for Data Analytics	3
ISM 641	Business Database Systems	3
ISM 644	Business Intelligence	3
ISM 663	Advanced Data Analytics Topics	3
RMI 560	Risk and Insurance Analytics	3
Non-STEM Elective Courses		
ACCT 575	Experiential Learning in Tax	3
ACCT 531	Business Entity Taxation	3
ACCT 615	Professional Colloquium I	3
ACCT 629	Tax Crimes and Forensics	3
ACCT 631	Corporate Taxation I	3
ACCT 633	Estate and Gift Taxation	3
ACCT 641	Taxation of Partnerships	3
ACCT 643	Tax Accounting	3
ACCT 645	Advanced Individual Taxation	3
ACCT 651	International Taxation	3
ACCT 660	Professional Colloquium II	3
ACCT 662	S Corp Taxation	3
ACCT 693	Selected Topics in Taxation	1-3
ACCT 690	Seminar in Taxation	3

¹ All courses in this group are required except for ACCT 520. Students who have completed a similar advanced accounting course at the undergraduate level must take a different course.

² Students who have completed similar courses to ACCT 531, ACCT 550, ACCT 554, or ACCT 570 at the undergraduate level must take a different course(s).