

# Master of Science in Accountancy









Take your knack for numbers to the next level. Explore the theories and principles behind the issues that plague today's accounting industry and learn leadership skills from a faculty graced with CEOs, Directors and other executives from accounting organizations. Our **Master of Science in Accountancy (MSA)** degree program will prepare you — one six-week course at a time — for working in a variety of accounting, auditing and budgeting roles, including supervisor and managerial positions.

The MSA program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs® (ACBSP) and aligns with the American Institute of CPAs® (AICPA) standards. The curriculum focuses on a wide range of accounting topics — like auditing, taxation, business law and ethics, accounting information systems and more — to equip you with the business, collaboration and information-utilization skills you'll need to lead in the industry.

You know you're ready. Explore the program offerings and information below to find out how this program can help you forge the career path you want.

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## Differentiators

 Career Preparation	 Relevant Curriculum	 Industry Alignment
Equip yourself with the skills it takes to work in accounting officer, management, auditing and budgeting leadership positions.	Explore a broad range of current accounting theories and principles that will help you build key business skills and prepare you for leading in the industry.	Learn through courses created to align with industry organizations like AICPA and the National Association State Board of Accountancy© (NASBA).
 CPA Preparation	 Practitioner Faculty	 Networking
Become familiar with Wiley CPAexcel software and prepare for the CPA exam with the CPA Bridge Certificate option.	Learn from faculty — some of which are CEOs, CFOs, VPs and Directors — that has an average of 24 years of professional experience.	University of Phoenix graduates the largest number of accounting majors compared to any other University. Join this group of alumni.

## Objectives

The Master of Science in Accountancy (MSA) provides the breadth of knowledge for the professional accountant. Students master the theory and principles that frame a wide range of problems and issues encountered in the accounting profession. This program is designed for accountants and non-accountants who are preparing for a professional certification in accounting such as the uniform Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam. This degree will allow students to seek positions in such career areas as accounting, auditing, and budgeting. The MSA core curriculum covers the following areas of accounting: accounting theory and research, accounting information systems, managerial accounting and legal aspects of business, internal control systems, financial reporting, auditing, taxation, not-for-profit and government accounting, forensic accounting, and accounting ethics. The core courses were designed based upon the standards proposed by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA). This program addresses the goals of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) for the professional values, communications and leadership skills, strategic and critical thinking skills, and technology skills (The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, 2015). In addition, this program utilizes CPA Exam Prep software, which is integrated throughout the core program.

## Requirements and Prerequisites

You'll need **45** credits to complete this program, which may be earned from a combination of required and elected courses. However, required courses may vary based on previous experience, training or transferable credits.

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## Core Courses

Communications For Accountants	COM530
Managing The Business Environment	BUS511
The External Factors That Impact Business	BUS502
Accounting And Financial Decision Making	BUS503
Financial Accounting	ACC537
Accounting Theory & Research	ACC541
Accounting Information Systems	ACC542
Managerial Accounting & Legal Aspects Of Business	ACC543
Internal Control Systems	ACC544
Financial Reporting	ACC545
Auditing	ACC546
Taxation	ACC547
Not-for-profit & Government Accounting	ACC548
Forensic Accounting	ACC556
Accounting Ethics	ETH557

## Make an informed choice

We believe that students and families should be prepared financially for college and understand gainful employment opportunities before starting any program. So we want to ensure you have the information you need to make an informed choice - information like what it will cost, the skills you'll learn through your chosen program, and the types of occupations the program prepares you for. For important information about the educational debt, earnings, and completion rates of students who attended this program:

To view gainful employment disclosures, please visit:

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