Companies today try to balance big-data industry trends that change as fast as technology and a public that demands financial transparency. There’s also the notion of virtual currency to contend with. Accountants are key to forming relevant, actionable insights based upon financial and nonfinancial data. Structuring investment portfolios, improving system integrity and auditing internal controls are roles that market-driven, strategic and spontaneous accounting professionals have.

Our Master of Science in Accountancy degree program helps students master the theory and principles that frame a wide range of problems and issues encountered in the accounting profession. Accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP), the program also aligns with American Institute of CPAs (AICPA®) standards. Built into key courses, Wiley CPAexcel® software helps students prepare for the CPA Exam.

Our degree program prepares graduates for a variety of careers in accounting, such as:

- Accountant
- Certified Public Accountant
- Staff accountant
- Accounting manager
- Cost accountant
- Accounting supervisor
- Auditor
- Internal auditor
- Financial auditor

Learn tangible skills:

- Make informed decisions by organizing, processing and interpreting data.
- Understand ethical, legal and professional standards as they relate to industry.
- Understand taxation of business entities.
- Examine and assess financial reports.
- Identify evidence of fraud and fraud risk.

Study a solid core curriculum:

- Managerial & financial accounting
- Legal and ethical aspects of business
- Auditing
- Taxation
- Forensic accounting
- Accounting theory and research

Build key business skills:

- Critical thinking
- Problem-solving
- Communication
- Information utilization
- Collaboration
Benefits of being a Phoenix:
- Learn from our dedicated business faculty who average 20 years of practical experience in the fields in which they teach.
- Leverage the knowledge and insights of our Alumni Network — more than 890,000 strong — via programs like the Alumni Association’s Alumni Mentor Program and more than 40 ground-based chapters.
- Take classes online, on campus or both — and our 24/7 mobile app helps you stay connected to class on the go.
- Have your prior academic and professional experience evaluated and potentially applied toward your degree.
- Gain the industry skills and knowledge you need to be successful.
- Find student support online and at ground locations nationwide.
- Prepare for your career by using exclusive career resources like our Phoenix Career Guidance System™, our dedicated team of Career Advisors and complimentary career fairs.
- Learn from a program that is built for adult learners and teaches skills applicable to the retail industry.

Accreditations and industry partnerships:
Accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)
Aligned with American Institute of CPAs (AICPA)* standards

Program Requirements*

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Coursework includes, but is not limited to:

ACC 537  
Financial Accounting

ACC 541  
Accounting Theory & Research

ACC 542  
Accounting Information Systems

ACC 543  
Managerial Accounting & Legal Aspects of Business

ACC 544  
Internal Control Systems

ACC 545  
Financial Reporting

ACC 546  
Auditing

ACC 547  
Taxation

ACC 548  
Not-for-Profit & Government Accounting

ACC 556  
Forensic Accounting

ACC 557  
Accounting Ethics

BUS 511  
Managing the Business Environment

BUS 502  
The External Factors that Impact Business

BUS 503  
Accounting and Financial Decision Making

COM 530  
Communications for Accountants

* Students with an undergraduate degree in accounting or business, or who have earned 30 credits in accounting and/or business, or who hold a Graduate degree in business can waive the 9-credit Foundation Sequence.

For more information about our on-time completion rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/degree-programs/business-and-management/masters/msa.html.

AICPA is a servicemark of American Institute of CPAs.
Certificate programs are widely available in an online format but generally not available at our campus locations. Please check with a University Enrollment Representative.
Each state sets forth standards required to be eligible to take the CPA exam and apply for licensure or certification as a CPA. While this program was designed with consideration for the standards proposed by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA®), University of Phoenix cannot, and will not, provide any assurance that completion of this program will allow a successful student to qualify within the student’s specific jurisdiction. Potential applicants should check with the appropriate organization within their jurisdiction to determine if this program, combined with their undergraduate degree and any other specific criteria, meets the requirements to qualify for examination in that specific jurisdiction. States frequently change their requirements for examination. There is no assurance that at the time of degree completion the specific jurisdiction’s requirements will be consistent with the requirements at the time of admission.

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