Master of Science in Accounting—MS(A)

This 10-month MS(A) program prepares you to take the CPA exam while enhancing your technical skills, improving your written and oral communication skills, and developing your critical thinking and leadership skills. Whether you plan to pursue a career in assurance, tax, consulting or industry, the flexibility of the MS(A) program allows you to get the graduate-level educational experience you need to be successful. Pair this with the ability to pursue CMA certification throughout your studies and readiness to take the CPA exam, and you will appreciate the significant value in the 10-month program.

Program Highlights:

- Compared to those with only a bachelor’s degree, MSA graduates are poised to capitalize on accelerated promotion opportunities and an estimated $1.5 million increased lifetime earning potential, when combined with a CPA license.

- Flexible curriculum for students with two tracks that include a CPA focus for public and corporate accounting and a CPA/CMA track designed for specialized corporate accounting.

- Customized plan of study which emphasizes advanced accounting electives, excel skills, research opportunities, professional and ethical standards, communication, and leadership.

- Active alumni network around the world that includes distinguished alumni such as Beth Brooke, CPA and Global Vice Chair at Ernst & Young (Forbes List of 100 Most Powerful Women).
“The Krannert School of Management breaks down the entire process of starting a career from start to finish, leaving no stone unturned. The faculty and staff do everything in their power to give students opportunities to find careers once they have completed their education. With Krannert’s help, I had no shortage of interviews and job offers.”

Aaron LoCicero, MS Accounting ’13, Tillbrook Melaleuca Group

Curriculum

30 total required credits
15 Fall Semester credit hours / 15 Spring Semester credit hours

The MS Accounting program features a flexible curriculum that encourages students to tailor their coursework to career goals. It includes a combination of required and elective courses, all while becoming CPA-exam ready. Courses include:

- Advanced Auditing and Professional Practice
- Financial Statement Analysis
- Business Law for Accountants
- Practicum in Taxation
- Communications for Accountants
- Consulting for Entrepreneurship
- Government Nonprofit Accounting
- Forensic Accounting
- International Accounting
- Advanced Tax Accounting

For more information and course descriptions visit www.krannert.purdue.edu/masters/programs/ms-a

“The flexible curriculum not only gave me the traditional classroom courses, but also afforded me the opportunity to work with real-life clients that helped to further develop me as a professional and expand my network. From the faculty and staff to the courses offered, Krannert did nothing short of equipping me with the necessary skills and knowledge to successfully begin my career.”

Neil Steen, ’17 MS Accounting, Crowe Horwath

“Throughout this program, I was able to take classes and participate in extracurricular activities that helped develop not only my technical accounting skills but also my communication and networking skills. As a result of the classes that I took, I feel much more prepared for the CPA exam and ready to embark on my career in public accounting.”

Laura Poletti, ’17 MS Accounting, Deloitte

RANKINGS

#3 MS Accounting & Auditing (North America)
Eduniversal (Best-Masters.us)

“The education you get prepares you very well for the CPA exam, there are real-world experiences that are not available at other schools, and there is an abundance of resources available to help you during your time here at Purdue as well as after you leave.”

Ryan Brankin, ’18 MS Accounting