Master of Accounting Pathway Program

For Purdue undergraduates interested in pursuing a career in accounting, the MSA Pathway Program offers an optimal route to completing the 150 hours of college credit work required to sit for the CPA exam. With conditional admission starting as early as sophomore year, eligible students can streamline their undergraduate experience and transition seamlessly into a ten-month Krannert master’s program.

Requirements

- To be eligible to apply, students must be admitted into the Krannert School of Management, declare Accounting as their undergraduate major, and complete at least thirty (30) credit hours, either through coursework or Advanced Placement credits.

- To be eligible to be admitted, students must complete MGMT 20000 (Introductory Accounting), MGMT 20100 (Management Accounting I), and MGMT 35000 (Intermediate Accounting I) as part of their 30 credit hours. They must also attain a grade point average of 3.23 or higher.

- Successful applicants will be admitted during the sophomore year and will be allowed to directly matriculate into the MS Accounting program — in either the spring or fall intake — after completing a minimum of 120 undergraduate hours and receiving a baccalaureate degree with a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher.

Program Benefits:

- At the Krannert School of Management, a Master’s of Accounting is comparable to the cost, per credit hour, as the undergraduate rate for attaining the 150 credit hours required to take CPA exam — making MSA the clear choice for return on investment

- 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.

- The MSA program offers flexible curriculum with CPA/CMA tracks for careers in both public and corporate accounting

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MS Accounting Pathway Program

MS Accounting 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
- Business Law for Accountants
- Communications for Accountants
- Government Nonprofit Accounting
- International Accounting
- Financial Statement Analysis
- Practicum in Taxation
- Consulting for Entrepreneurship
- Forensic 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 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

“The opportunities I have had in the Master’s of Accounting program have further developed my career potential. I have had internship experiences that allowed me to experience both the public accounting and industry sectors of the accounting world at Ernst & Young, LLP and SC Johnson & Son, Inc. In both settings I was able to effectively apply the knowledge and skills I have gained in my classes at Krannert. I also have professors who have become my mentors and advisors outside of the classroom as well.”

Claire Conneely, ’18 MS Accounting

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Placement Data
Master of Science Accounting

EMPLOYMENT:
88% For Students With Permanent Work Authorization

SALARY:  
Average Base: $53,700+

EMPLOYERS:  
Public Accounting Employers  
Deloitte  
EY  
KPMG  
PricewaterhouseCoopers  
RSM  
Crowe Horwath  
BKD  
Plante Moran  
DOZ  
Blue Katz, Sapper and Miller  
And more...

Corporate Employers  
Abbott Labs  
Archer Daniels Midland  
Caterpillar  
General Mills  
Citi  
Eli Lilly  
Morningstar  
Raytheon  
United Technologies  
Cummins  
And others...

Government Employers  
FBI  
IRS  
Finance & Accounting Svcs.  
And more...