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 for admission, students must complete MGMT 20000 (Introductory Accounting), MGMT 21000 (Management Accounting I), and MGMT 35000 (Intermediate Accounting I) as part of their 30 credit hours and attain an average GPA of 3.23 or higher in the 3 required courses.

- Successful applicants may be admitted during the sophomore or junior year and will then 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 GPA of 3.00 or higher.

Program Benefits:

- Successful applicants for the MSA Pathway Program will receive a GMAT waiver, provided their cumulative undergraduate GPA is 3.0 or higher.

- At the Krannert School of Management, the tuition rate of the Master’s of Accounting program is comparable to the undergraduate rate, per credit hour, of 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
- 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 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

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...

Rankings

#2 Accounting & Auditing
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