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 20100 (Management Accounting I), and MGMT 35000 (Intermediate Accounting I) as part of their 30 credit hours.

- Successful applicants may be admitted starting with their sophomore year, and must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA to remain eligible.

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.

- MSA graduates are well prepared to pass the CPA exam. Most graduates pass all four sections of the exam within a few months of graduation.

- 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 the CPA exam — making the MSA a clear choice for return on investment.

- The GMAT exam is not required for students applying to the MSA Pathway Program.

- The MSA program offers flexible curriculum for careers in both public and corporate accounting.
PLACEMENT PROFILE
MS Accounting

EMPLOYMENT:
92% Overall, 100% For Students With Permanent Work Auth.

SALARY:
Average Base $53,625

EMPLOYER LIST:
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 many more...

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 Auditing Analytics
- Business Law for Accountants
- Communications for Accountants
- Government Nonprofit Accounting
- International Accounting
- Private Equity Accounting
- Valuation and Financial Statement Analysis
- Practicum in Taxation
- Consulting for Entrepreneurship
- Forensic Accounting
- Advanced Tax Accounting
- Public Company Reporting

For more information and course descriptions visit krannert.purdue.edu/masters/ms-accounting

“GAMT waivers are available to qualified applicants.

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“...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

“...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