Master of Science in Accounting

This 10-month MS Accounting (MSA) 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. Additionally, the program provides you with the data analytics skills that accounting employers want. Whether you plan to pursue a career in assurance, tax, consulting or industry, the flexibility of the MSA program allows you to get the graduate-level educational experience you need to be successful. Pair this with the ability to pursue CMA certification and readiness to take the CPA exam, and you will appreciate the significant value in the 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 former Global Vice Chair at Ernst & Young (Forbes List of 100 Most Powerful Women).

More Information

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**Placement Profile**

**MS Accounting**

**Employment:**
- 92% Overall
- 100% For Students With Permanent Work Auth.

**Salary:**
- Average Base $53,625

**Past Employers:**
- Public Accounting Employers
  - Deloitte
  - EY
  - KPMG
  - PricewaterhouseCoopers
  - RSM
  - Crowe Horwath
  - BKD
  - Plante Moran
  - DOZ
  - Blue
  - Katz, Sapper and Miller
- Corporate Employers
  - Abbott Labs
  - Archer Daniels Midland
  - Caterpillar
  - General Mills
  - Citi
  - Eli Lilly
  - Morningstar
  - Raytheon
  - United Technologies
  - Cummins
- Government Employers
  - FBI
  - IRS
  - Finance & Accounting Svcs.
- And more...

**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](krannert.purdue.edu/masters/ms-accounting)

**Rankings**

#2 MS Accounting & Auditing (North America)

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“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

“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

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