# MASTER'S PROGRAMS

# ACCOUNTING



Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. School of Business

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING

The 10-month residential MS Accounting (MSA) program prepares you to take the CPA exam while enhancing your technical skills, improving your written and oral communication, and developing your critical thinking and leadership abilities. The 30-credit hour program provides you with the data analytics skills that accounting employers seek and prepares you for public, nonprofit, government or corporate accounting. Whether you plan to pursue a career in assurance, forensic accounting, or consulting, the flexibility of the MSA program allows you to choose your area of focus and complete 1-2 internships. Pair this with the built-in access to the Becker Fast Pass CPA prep course and you'll be well prepared to pass the CPA exam and launch your career.

**DEGREE EARNED** 

LENGTH

**FORMAT** 

**FEES** 

Master of Science

10-months beginning in August or July

Full-time, In-residence 30 Credit hours

**View Current Rates** 

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

92%

EMPLOYMENT RATE, WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF GRADUATION

MORE INFORMATION

Class of 2023

88%

FIRST-TIME CPA PASS RATE

CPA PASS RATE WITHIN TWO YEARS OF MSA GRADUATION

- MSA student first-time CPA pass rate is 22% higher than undergraduate test takers.
- The first-time pass rate of the CPA Audit section jumps from 54% to 93% with an MSA.
- MSA students have access to the Becker Fast Pass CPA prep course and materials.
- 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: 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).





## PLACEMENT PROFILE

Class of 2023

## **EMPLOYMENT**

92% Employment Rate

## **AVERAGE SALARY**

\$63,456

## TOP EMPLOYERS

Deloitte

ΕY

**Moss Adams** 

PepsiCo

**Plante Moran** 

PwC

RSM

Textron

Tritech Software

## TOP POSITIONS

Accounting Auditor
Financial Accountant
Professional Service Accountant
Professional Service Auditor

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# CURRICULUM

### 30 total required credits

### **CORE COURSES**

- Advanced Auditing & Auditing Analytics
- Business Law for Accountants
- Communication for Accountants

### **MSA ELECTIVES**

- Accounting Consulting for Entrepreneurs
- Accounting Data Analytics
- Accounting Ethics
- Accounting Scandals
- Advanced Taxation
- Advanced International Accounting
- Forensic Accounting and Fraud Examination
- Government and Nonprofit Accounting
- Private Equity Accounting
- Practicum in Taxation
- Public Company Reporting and Regulation
- Valuation and Financial Statement Analysis

Please note: Course offerings are subject to change. For a complete list, please refer to **catalog.purdue.edu** 

### **GENERAL BUSINESS ELECTIVES**

- Data Mining
- Leadership
- Logistics
- Management of Organization Data
- Options and Futures
- Portfolio Management
- Spreadsheet Modeling
- Predictive Analytics
- Project Management
- · Financial Management
- Financial Modeling

#### EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

- Washington Campus Accounting and Public Policy Trip
- London Advanced International Accounting

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



A lot of the classes are designed to help prepare students for the CPA exam. Other classes dive more into different accounting interest areas and you can pick and choose what matches best for you.

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