In yellow, find the degree that best fits your current situation and read the columns to the right for information on the School of Business recommendations regarding degree options.

Note: If you do not intend to take and pass the Virginia CPA exam immediately upon completion of the certificate, obtaining an accounting position with only the accounting certificate may prove difficult.

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<th>Previous Degree</th>
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| Business degree not from Mason and not in accounting OR MBA degree with an undergraduate degree not in accounting | Must complete at least 30 unique credits at Mason for second degree
Must complete 24 accounting credits
Business general education classes and business core classes are needed to complete second degree in Accounting. (Exact number depends on how credits may transfer in)
Students receive a general education waiver, waiving all university required general education classes
Undergraduate transfer credits are individually articulated
May also wish to consider Master of Science in Accounting | Must complete 30 credits with at least 16 credits from Mason to complete Accounting Certificate Program
Minimum of these 21 credits will be ACCT
Assumes students have completed the business credits necessary to sit for the CPA
Additional courses may be needed for pre-requisites
May also wish to consider Master of Science in Accounting |
| Mason business degree, not in accounting | Must complete at least 30 unique credits at Mason for second bachelor’s degree
Must meet Accounting degree requirements for their new catalog year
Students receive a general education waiver, waiving all university required general education classes
Must have a B- or higher in ACCT 301/ACCT 330 or be able to repeat ACCT 301/ACCT 330
May also wish to consider Master of Science in Accounting | Must complete 30 credits with at least 16 credits from Mason to complete Accounting Certificate Program
The program is designed to help students achieve 30 credits in accounting necessary to sit for the CPA
Must have a B- or higher in ACCT 301/ACCT 330 or be able to repeat ACCT 301/ACCT 330
May also wish to consider Master of Science in Accounting |
| Degree not in business | Helps students achieve the business core credits and the accounting credits necessary to sit for the CPA.
Students receive a general education waiver, waiving all university required general education classes
Must complete all business requirements
Typically 60 credits for non-School of Business and non-Mason students
Undergraduate transfer credits are individually articulated | Must complete 30 credits with at least 16 credits from Mason to complete Accounting Certificate Program
May need to complete up to 16 additional credits to satisfy course prerequisites
Assumes students have completed the business credits necessary to sit for the CPA exam
Students who have not completed the business credits necessary to sit for the CPA should consider a second bachelor’s degree in Accounting |
| Bachelor’s Degree not recognized by Mason | Students with international credit but no U.S. equivalent bachelor’s degree are encouraged to apply for a bachelor’s degree in Accounting. If you are unsure if you have a U.S. equivalent degree, submit an evaluation of your studies outside of the U.S. Visit admissions.gmu.edu/global/ for more information | Not eligible for Accounting Certificate |