Master of Science in Accounting

The MS in Accounting is focused on developing knowledgeable leaders to overcome the challenges of the future and provide solutions.

In addition to preparing tomorrow’s global accounting professionals, courses in our program can be applied toward the 150 credit hour educational requirement adopted by a number of states, including Virginia, for certification and licensure as a CPA.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Courses emphasize the latest trends and issues in accounting, business ethics, and corporate governance
- Option to obtain a certificate in forensic accounting, government accounting, or accounting analytics
- Online and on-campus in Fairfax
- Fall start date
- Part-time and full-time options available
- Internship for credit and global residency options
- In-state tuition rates for VA, MD, and DC residents

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DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete 10 courses | 30 credits.

Required courses | 5 courses, 3 credits each

- ACCT 633 . Advanced Issues in Financial Accounting
- ACCT 636 . Fraud Examination
- ACCT 651 . Advanced Issues in Taxation
- ACCT 690 . Professional Accounting Colloquium
- ACCT 795 . Global Accounting Environment

Elective courses | choose 5 courses, 3 credits each

- Any 600–700 level ACCT course that does not duplicate coursework taken as an undergraduate
- The MSA online program offers several options for electives after students complete the core courses to include courses for the forensic and government accounting certificates

ELIGIBILITY

- Bachelor’s degree in accounting or equivalent from an accredited college or university
- Or, applicants who have completed 27 college credits in accounting

Applicants who have a bachelor’s degree in a field other than accounting from an accredited institution may apply to the MSA provisional program.

APPLICATION

- Online application and application fee
  See: admissions.gmu.edu
- Transcripts from all colleges or universities attended.
  Each transcript needs to include course names, all grades received, cumulative GPA, and degree conferral information
- Official GMAT score or GRE score, code 5827
  GMAT/GRE waivers are considered
- Two letters of recommendation
- Goal statement describing your professional experience, career goals, and what you hope to accomplish with the MS in Accounting
- Resume indicating relevant work experience
- Proof of English proficiency for students who have earned their degree outside of the United States (either TOEFL or IELTS)

Mason career services

An experienced staff have the connections and expertise to help secure internships and professional positions.

- Individualized consulting
- Online resources
- Career bootcamp
- Employer networking
- On-campus recruiting
- Access to top accounting firms
- School of Business alumnus, retain lifetime access to career consulting staff.

Select alumni employers

- Defense Logistics Agency
- Deloitte
- Department of Defense
- EY Federal Audit
- Goldklang Group
- GAO
- GPS
- I-95 BPM
- Kearney & Co
- KPMG
- Matthews, Carter & Boyce
- NPR

MSA 2018

at graduation

81%

employed or pending offer

$65,240

average starting salary

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