MS in Accounting

Your Future is Waiting. Right Here. Right Now.

The MS in Accounting is focused on developing thought leaders who can overcome challenges and provide solutions. You will have the knowledge and professional skills to successfully contribute day one on the job.

In addition to developing professional skills, our program is designed to satisfy the 150-hour educational requirement adopted by a number of states, including Virginia, for certification and licensure as a CPA.

Program Highlights

- Convenient: Online or on-campus
- Self-paced: Complete in less than 1 year (full-time) or less than 2 years (part-time)
- Career-oriented: Tracks in financial, forensic, government, and tax accounting
- Experiential: Global residency
- Practical: Emphasis on professional skills including written communications, leadership, public speaking, negotiations, and team building
- Technology-oriented: Integration of data analytics, advanced Excel skills, and research analysis

Advanced Courses

Unlike other MS in Accounting programs, we prepare you for more than the CPA exam. We prepare you to contribute on the job from day one. Our curriculum provides advanced courses in

- Fraud
- Law
- Business valuation
- Tax research
- Corporate governance

“Mason’s ties with the local business and government community bring unique and practical experiences to the students providing a greater launch pad into post college careers.”

-Kellie Goldstein ’97, CFO, Travel Channel

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“THE SMALL CLASS SIZES ALLOW STUDENTS TO GET TO KNOW THEIR PROFESSORS, AND GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BOTH IN THE CLASSROOM AND OUTSIDE AS WELL.”

-William Sullivan ’15, Assurance Practice, Ernst & Young

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- Online or on-campus (evening classes in Arlington or Fairfax)
- Complete in less than 1 year (full-time) or less than 2 years (part-time)
- Fall and spring start dates (on-campus only)
- Tracks: financial accounting, forensic accounting, government accounting, tax
- Internship for credit
- 7-10 day global residency
- Combined with an undergraduate degree in accounting, meets Virginia’s 150 credit hour requirement for CPA licensure
- GMAT/GRE waivers considered
- Optional Certificate in Forensic Accounting

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY
Bachelor’s degree from an accredited university.
Applicants who have an undergraduate business major other than accounting must complete 4-5 accounting prerequisite courses depending on their major. These prerequisites will extend the length of the program.

CAREER SERVICES
Our experienced Career Services staff have the connections and expertise to help you secure valuable internships and professional positions in your field.

Our career services include
- individualized consulting
- online resources
- career bootcamp
- employer networking
- on-campus recruiting
- access to top accounting firms

As a School of Business alumni, you retain lifetime access to our career consulting staff.

Top Employers

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-Eileen Owen ’12, Associate Accountant, KPMG

The average starting salary of a George Mason University MS in Accounting graduate is $10,738 more than those with only a BS in Accounting.

71% of students secured a position related to their academic or career goals during their time in the MS in Accounting program.