

MASTER OF ACCOUNTING



The Master of Accounting program prepares individuals for professional careers and ultimately for leadership positions in today's business world. Additionally, many states require that those desiring to become a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) must have 150 hours of college education. The Master of Accounting degree is a natural extension in the pursuit of this requirement.

The 30 credit-hour MAcc degree is an interdisciplinary program, which offers the flexibility to accommodate students with a variety of educational backgrounds and career objectives. Students have the choice of taking 9 to 15 of the graduate credit hours required for the Master of Accounting degree in the MBA or other graduate programs. The program is known for providing personal attention, small class settings and easy access to faculty.

ACCREDITATION

The St. Ambrose University Master of Accounting program is nationally accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). St. Ambrose University is accredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- > Value and apply advanced theories and topics of accounting.
- > Communicate accounting information effectively, orally and in writing.
- > Analyze and resolve ethical issues.
- > Demonstrate the ability to use critical thinking to analyze and evaluate problems.
- > Demonstrate the ability to research current accounting topics and regulations.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- > Full-time accelerated program. Students may take daytime and evening classes to complete the degree in two semesters.
- > Part-time evening program. Students may take classes in the evening and complete the degree in two years.



PREREQUISITES

The equivalent of an undergraduate degree in accounting from an accredited four-year college will meet the prerequisite requirements for the Master of Accounting program. Prerequisites for other undergraduate degrees include: 24 credits of accounting; 6 credits of economics; 3 credits of mathematics (can be fulfilled by college algebra or higher, Quantitative Reasoning in Business, or a course approved by the program director); 9 credits of business (including 3 credits of business law, 3 credits of business statistics and 3 credits of business elective). A candidate may enroll in a Master of Accounting course as soon as the prerequisites for the course are met.

CURRICULUM

Requirements for the Master of Accounting (30 credit hours)

Required Master of Accounting courses (6 credit hours):

- > Advanced Financial Accounting Theory and Emerging Issues
- > Advanced Managerial Accounting Theory

Master of Accounting electives (at least 9 credit hours):

- > Advanced Auditing
- > Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program
- > Accounting Issues Seminar
- > Advanced Financial Accounting Topics
- > Advanced Tax Topics
- > Financial Statement Analysis and Valuation
- > Law for Accountants
- > Seminar in Graduate Accounting Topics
- > Graduate Accounting Internship
- > A maximum of 15 credit hours of graduate electives approved by the Director of the Master of Accounting Program.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Scholarships from the George J. Till Accounting Scholarship Fund for full-time Master of Accounting students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher are available. Check with the program director for details. The Financial Aid Office provides information on loans for graduate studies.

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The material presented here is for informational purposes and does not substitute for the catalog. Consult the official university catalog for complete program requirements.

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