

MS Accounting

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General Characteristics

The MS Accounting program is a one-year academic course of study designed to prepare students for careers in taxation or public accounting. The program is designed to meet the 150-semester-hour (225 quarter-hour) education requirement that the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) adopted to qualify for membership.

The 45-quarter-unit taxation specialization program begins with a three-week intensive session in the summer immediately preceding commencement of the fall quarter and continues through the spring quarter of the following year. The program requires an internship during the winter quarter. The student who successfully completes the internship receives credit for 9 quarter units.

Admission/Acceptance Requirements

Acceptance to the program is based upon an applicant's:

- successful completion of an accredited undergraduate program of study with a minimum of (i) one (1) course in federal taxation *and* (ii) eight (8) quarter units in accounting or two (2) years of equivalent experience in accounting,
- prior academic performance with particular emphasis placed on performance during the last 90 graded quarter units completed prior to application (or equivalent), and
- achievement on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT).

Application to the program should be submitted by June 1 of the year in which the applicant plans to begin the program. The program director determines whether the applicant's educational background and experience meet the program's requirements for acceptance into the program.

Tuition and Fees

The MS Accounting program is offered through Continuing Education and University Outreach. As such, the program carries a separate tuition and fee schedule available in the Office of the Associate Dean of Graduate Programs, Orfalea College of Business.

Program of Study

The program presently focuses on a specialization in taxation. Students who, prior to admission into the program successfully completed a tax course required as part of the curriculum, must take an advisor-approved elective in lieu of the course successfully taken.

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