MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

The Master of Accountancy (M.Accy.) program consists of 36 credits, with a shorter track of 30 credits available to qualified students who possess a bachelor’s degree in accounting or business from a U.S.-accredited university. GW's program, which may be pursued on a full-time or part-time basis, is tailored to individual interests and career objectives in accounting, financial management, and tax practice. No business background is necessary prior to joining the program.

In addition to required courses in accounting, finance, and economics, students can choose from a wide range of specialized accounting subjects and other topics within the School of Business that help them prepare for their professional certification.

Day and evening classes are available to accommodate working professionals, although prior work experience is not required.

Specific admission requirements are shown on the Graduate Program Finder. (http://www.gwu.edu/all-graduate-programs)

Visit the program website (http://business.gwu.edu/programs/specialized-masters/master-of-accountancy) for additional program information.

REQUIREMENTS

The program requires 30 to 36 credits, depending upon whether the student holds a Bachelor of Accountancy or has similar academic preparation.

Students holding a Bachelor of Accountancy degree from a U.S. institution or a CPA certification

The 30-credit program for students who hold a Bachelor of Accountancy requires 13.5 credits that may be waived on the basis of approved prior preparation with substitution of other coursework. One finance course is required unless students have completed two undergraduate finance courses with a B or better in the last five years.

The required but waivable courses are:

- ACCY 6104 Intermediate Accounting I
- ACCY 6105 Intermediate Accounting II
- ACCY 6301 Contemporary Auditing Theory
- MBAD 6235 Finance
- MBAD 6242 Microeconomics for the World Economy

A statistics workshop

Elective requirements are 16.5 graduate courses in the School of Business which must include 6 credits in accountancy.

Students holding a Bachelor or Master of Business Administration degree from a U.S. institution

The 30-credit program for students who hold a B.B.A. or M.B.A. degree requires 12 credits that may be waived on the basis of approved prior preparation with substitution of other coursework in the same field of study. One advanced graduate finance course is required unless students have completed two undergraduate finance courses with a B or better in the last five years.

Prerequisites are: Financial Accounting, Managerial Accounting, Financial Management, Microeconomics, and Statistics courses taken within five years with a B or better.

The required but waivable courses are:

- ACCY 6104 Intermediate Accounting I
- ACCY 6105 Intermediate Accounting II
- ACCY 6301 Contemporary Auditing Theory

Elective requirements are 18 graduate courses in the School of Business which must include 12 credits in accountancy.

Students holding other undergraduate degrees

The 36-credit program requires 18 credits that may be waived with substitution of approved graduate coursework in the same field of study and 1.5 credits that may be waived without substitution (thereby bringing the minimum credit requirement to 34.5). One finance course is required unless students have completed two undergraduate finance courses with a B or better in the last five years.

The required but waivable courses are:

- ACCY 6101 Financial Accounting
- ACCY 6201 Managerial Accounting I
- ACCY 6202 Managerial Accounting II
- ACCY 6104 Intermediate Accounting I
- ACCY 6105 Intermediate Accounting II
- ACCY 6301 Contemporary Auditing Theory
- MBAD 6235 Finance
- MBAD 6242 Microeconomics for the World Economy (Waivable with substitution)

A statistics workshop
Elective requirements are 16.5 credits of graduate courses in the School of Business, which must include 6 credits in accountancy.

Students who intend to take the C.P.A. examination should be aware that the coursework required for admission to the examination varies from state to state. Students are advised to consult the Board of Accountancy for the state in which they plan to take the examination and choose electives that meet that state’s requirements.