MASTER OF ACCOUNTING
LEARN ANALYTICAL SKILLS WHILE PREPARING FOR CPA EXAM

“Our program is a great opportunity for students to expand their technical accounting knowledge while satisfying the educational requirements for CPA licensure in Florida and most other jurisdictions. Students sitting for the CPA exam during the program benefit from our program’s partnership with Becker CPA Review as well as the supportive, close-knit group of motivated accounting students eager to see each other succeed.”

— Holly Sudano
Director of MAcc Program

CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED: Join Florida State’s legacy of high passing rates on the CPA exam.

TESTED AND APPROVED: Nine out of 10 recent MAcc graduates say they would recommend the program to a friend or colleague.

MOVE FORWARD TODAY: Apply by March 1 for spring entry, June 1 for fall entry, Oct. 1 for summer entry. Complete the MAcc on campus in one year (three semesters). Students interested in being considered for assistantships and fellowships should apply by Jan. 1.
Curriculum: Each of the following three MAcc majors consists of 11 courses (33 credit hours) typically taken as four courses in the spring and fall semesters and three courses in the summer. Course descriptions may be found at [business.fsu.edu/MAcc](http://business.fsu.edu/MAcc).

**Assurance and Advisory Services Major**

Provides students with skills related to the practice and theory of auditing and related services. Emphasizes building teamwork and technical skills. Leads to auditing or advisory work at large, international public accounting firms.

**Required courses:**
- ACG 5135 – Financial Accounting Theory & Standard Setting (3 hrs)
- ACG 5175 – Financial Statement Analysis (3 hrs)
- ACG 5405 – Advance Accounting Information Systems (3 hrs)
- ACG 5635 – Auditing Theory & Application II (3 hrs)
- ACG 5685 – Forensic Accounting (3 hrs)
- ACG 5695 – Challenges in Professional Accounting (3 hrs)
- MAN 5716 – Business Conditions Analysis (3 hrs)

**Plus one of these three courses:**
- ACG 5175
- ACG 5635
- ACG 5356

**Plus three elective** courses:
- One accounting or ISM elective (3 hrs)
- Two accounting, non-accounting or ISM electives (3 hrs)

**Taxation Major**

Provides students with meaningful opportunities to develop the technical, analytical and research skills necessary for a successful career in tax practice. Emphasizes lessons in primary and secondary tax law sources to identify and to investigate alternative tax treatments and solve complex tax issues. Leads to a career with large international CPA firms as tax specialists.

**Required courses:**
- ACG 5175 – Financial Statement Analysis (3 hrs)
- ACG 5635 – Auditing Theory & Application II (3 hrs)
- MAN 5716 – Business Conditions Analysis (3 hrs)
- TAX 5005 – Taxes and Business Strategy (3 hrs)
- TAX 5065 – Research in Federal Taxation (3 hrs)
- TAX 5105 – Seminar in Corporate Income Taxation I (3 hrs)
- TAX 5205 – Pass-through Entities & Fiduciaries (3 hrs)
- TAX 5527 – Multijurisdictional Tax Issues (3 hrs)

**Plus three elective courses:**
- One accounting elective (3 hrs)
- Two accounting or non-accounting electives (3 hrs)

**Generalist Major**

Allows students to expand their overall accounting knowledge. Emphasizes skills necessary for success in the various facets of accounting. Leads to a career in multiple areas of accounting, including within corporations and government agencies.

**Required courses:**
- ACG 5135 – Financial Accounting Theory & Standard Setting (3 hrs)
- ACG 5175 – Financial Statement Analysis (3 hrs)
- ACG 5356 – Advanced Management Accounting (3 hrs)
- ACG 5635 – Auditing Theory & Application II (3 hrs)
- MAN 5716 – Business Conditions Analysis (3 hrs)

**Plus six elective courses:**
- Four accounting electives (12 hrs or 3 hrs each)
- Two accounting or non-accounting electives (3 hrs)

**Prerequisites**

The MAcc program requires the student to complete: (1) a core of undergraduate foundation courses consisting of business and accounting courses and (2) the Master of Accounting curriculum, which consists of 11 graduate courses. For a list of courses, visit [business.fsu.edu/MAcc](http://business.fsu.edu/MAcc). Students with a bachelor’s degree in accounting will have satisfied all or most of the foundation course requirements through their prior studies. Applicants with substantial deficiencies in foundation courses should contact the MAcc academic advisor for further information. There is also a longer program designed for students without a bachelor’s degree in accounting.

**Admission guidelines**

Admission to the program is highly competitive. The GMAT (preferred) or the GRE is a required exam for admission to the MAcc program and to Florida State University. The College of Business generally recommends a GMAT minimum of 550 or a GRE minimum of 1200 (150 on each subsection of the revised GRE), taken within the last five years. Applicants also must have an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 in the upper division coursework. Given the limited class size, it is likely that most who are admitted to the program will have credentials considerably above the specified minimums. The GMAT/GRE exam may be waived if an applicant: (1) is an FSU accounting student with an overall GPA of at least 3.4 and an upper-division accounting GPA of at least 3.2, (2) has passed all four parts of the CPA exam, or (3) meets certain criteria for significant work experience listed at [business.fsu.edu/waive](http://business.fsu.edu/waive).

**Cost of a MAcc degree**

The Department of Accounting awards a number of fellowships and assistantships to applicants with strong academic credentials. Assistantships are a combination of cash payments and tuition waivers and require students to work 10 hours per week. Fellowships and scholarships are also available. Interested applicants should apply to the program by Jan. 1 to be considered for financial assistance. The program follows the university’s tuition rates. For a complete list of current estimated costs, visit [business.fsu.edu/MAcc](http://business.fsu.edu/MAcc).

**Application process checklist**

I. The following items should be submitted through the Florida State Graduate Application portal, available exclusively online at [https://admissions.fsu.edu/gradapp](http://https://admissions.fsu.edu/gradapp):

- Applicant Statement (obtain 5-question form at business.fsu.edu/MAcc)
- Current resume/C.V.
- Three (3) academic or professional letters of recommendation from former college professors, employers, or internship supervisors. Personal recommendations are not accepted.
- Nonrefundable application fee of $30.00 (see University Application or go to [http://fees.fsu.edu](http://fees.fsu.edu))

II. The following items should be sent to the Admissions Office, PO Box 3062400, 282 Champions Way, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2400:

- One (1) official transcript from all colleges and universities attended
- Florida Resident Affidavit, if applicable
- Official TOEFL/IELTS score report (required of international applicants whose native language is not English, regardless of academic background).

Note to international applicants: For more information concerning financial responsibilities, degree equivalency, etc., please visit [http://admissions.fsu.edu/international_graduate](http://admissions.fsu.edu/international_graduate).

The FSU College of Business is accredited by The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).