

# MASTER OF ACCOUNTING

LEARN ANALYTICAL SKILLS, SATISFY  
CPA EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

*“We continually meet with leaders in the profession to assess the relevance of our courses and stay ahead of the curve. As a result, our graduates are in high demand by all major accounting firms. We encourage a supportive, close-knit group of motivated accounting students eager to see each other succeed.”*

**— Holly Sudano**  
MAcc Program Director

**CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED:** Join Florida State’s legacy of high passing rates on the CPA exam. Our program is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International), including the specialized accounting accreditation secured by only 190 schools worldwide.

**HIGH PLACEMENT RATE:** Nearly 100 percent of MAcc students are employed by the time they graduate. About 62 percent of recent graduates accepted posts with the Big Four accounting firms.

**ADVANCED PREPARATION:** Build high-demand analytical skills to meet the needs of a rapidly changing profession. The program satisfies the educational requirements for CPA licensure in Florida and most other jurisdictions.

**MOVE FORWARD TODAY:** Apply by June 1 for fall entry, Oct. 1 for spring entry, and March 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 March 1.



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS  
*Graduate Programs*

[business.fsu.edu/MAcc](https://business.fsu.edu/MAcc)

**Curriculum: Master of Accounting (MAcc)** majors each consist of 10 courses (30 credit hours). Program requirements are subject to change. Major and course descriptions may be found at [business.fsu.edu/MAcc](http://business.fsu.edu/MAcc).

## Assurance and Advisory Services Major

### Required courses:

ACG 5135 Financial Accounting Theory and Standard Setting (3 hrs)  
ACG 5175 Financial Statement Analysis (3 hrs)  
ACG 5405 Advanced Accounting Information Systems (3 hrs)  
ACG 5458 Emerging Technologies in Accounting and Auditing (3 hrs)  
ACG 5635 Auditing Theory and Application II (3 hrs)  
ACG 5685 Forensic Accounting (3 hrs)  
ACG 5695 Challenges in Professional Accounting (3 hrs)

### Traditional MAcc student also takes:

GEB 5086 Professional Development (3 hrs)  
MAN 5716 Business Conditions Analysis (3 hrs)  
One non-accounting elective\* (3 hrs)

### BS/MAcc student has already taken:

ACG 5216 Advanced Accounting (3 hrs)  
BUL 5335 Law for Accountancy (3 hrs)  
TAX 5015 Federal Income Tax Accounting II (3 hrs)

## Taxation Major

### Required courses:

ACG 5135 Financial Accounting Theory and Standard Setting (3 hrs)  
ACG 5635 Auditing Theory and Application II (3 hrs)  
ACG 5695 Challenges in Professional Accounting (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 and Fiduciaries (3 hrs)

### Traditional MAcc student also takes:

GEB 5086 Professional Development (3 hrs)  
MAN 5716 Business Conditions Analysis (3 hrs)  
One non-accounting elective\* (3 hrs)

### BS/MAcc student has already taken:

ACG 5216 Advanced Accounting (3 hrs)  
BUL 5335 Law for Accountancy (3 hrs)  
TAX 5015 Federal Income Tax Accounting II (3 hrs)

## Generalist Major

### Required courses:

ACG 5135 Financial Accounting Theory and Standard Setting (3 hrs)  
ACG 5175 Financial Statement Analysis (3 hrs)  
ACG 5356 Advanced Management Accounting (3 hrs)  
ACG 5635 Auditing Theory and Application II (3 hrs)  
ACG 5695 Challenges in Professional Accounting (3 hrs)  
TAX 5005 Taxes and Business Strategy (3 hrs)  
One accounting elective\* (3 hrs)

### Traditional MAcc student also takes:

GEB 5086 Professional Development (3 hrs)  
MAN 5716 Business Conditions Analysis (3 hrs)  
One non-accounting elective\* (3 hrs)

### BS/MAcc student has already taken:

ACG 5216 Advanced Accounting (3 hrs)  
BUL 5335 Law for Accountancy (3 hrs)  
TAX 5015 Federal Income Tax Accounting II (3 hrs)

\*Accounting electives may be any 5000-level ACG or TAX course except ACG 5026. Non-accounting electives may be any graduate business course, including GEB 5944 Graduate Internship (3 hrs).

## International Acclaim. Individual Attention.™

### Prerequisites

The Master of Accounting (MAcc) program requires the student to complete: (1) a core of undergraduate foundation courses in business and accounting and (2) the MAcc curriculum, which consists of 10 graduate courses. Students with a bachelor's degree in accounting have satisfied all or most of the foundation course requirements. Applicants with substantial deficiencies in foundation courses should contact the MAcc academic advisor for further information. There is a longer MAcc program designed for students without a bachelor's degree in accounting, as well as a Combined BS/MAcc Pathway that accelerates studies for top accounting majors. For more information, visit [business.fsu.edu/MAcc](http://business.fsu.edu/MAcc).

### Admission guidelines

Admission to the MAcc program is highly competitive. The GMAT (preferred) or the GRE is a required exam for admission to the 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 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 a 3.4+ overall GPA, a 3.2+ GPA in upper-division courses, and a 3.2+ GPA in upper-division accounting classes; (2) has passed all four parts of the CPA exam, or (3) meets the significant work experience criteria 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, scholarships and assistantships. Interested applicants should apply to the program by March 1 to be considered. For more information on cost, 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 [admissions.fsu.edu/gradapp](http://admissions.fsu.edu/gradapp):
  - Applicant Statement
  - 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.
    - Florida Residency Declaration
    - Nonrefundable application fee of \$30.00 (see University Application or go to [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 or to [graduateadmissions@fsu.edu](mailto:graduateadmissions@fsu.edu):
  - One (1) official transcript from all colleges and universities attended (FSU transcripts not necessary for FSU alumni, students)
  - Official TOEFL/IELTS score report (required of international applicants whose native language is not English and who have not completed an undergraduate or graduate degree from a U.S. institution or other institution where English is the required language). The ETS code to send TOEFL scores to Florida State is 5219.
  - Official GMAT or GRE scores (all sections of the entrance exams must be completed). The code to send GMAT scores to Florida State is PN8K567, and the code to send GRE scores is 5219.

Note to international applicants: For more info on required test scores, financial responsibilities, degree equivalency, etc., please visit: [business.fsu.edu/MAcc](http://business.fsu.edu/MAcc) and [admissions.fsu.edu/international/graduate](http://admissions.fsu.edu/international/graduate).