

# MASTER OF ACCOUNTING FOR NON-ACCOUNTING MAJORS

*"It's not too late to pursue a career in accounting. Our program provides a great opportunity for students with quantitative backgrounds to build a business foundation, add advanced and analytical accounting skills and prepare to sit for the CPA exam. Work with our academic coordinator to map out a customized course schedule."*

**— Allen Blay**

*Associate Professor and  
Denise Dickins Accounting Faculty Fellow*

**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:** Benefit from our program's partnership with Becker CPA Review. 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 Oct. 1 for spring entry, March 1 for summer entry, June 1 for fall entry.



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS  
*Graduate Programs*

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

*“The faculty members at FSU have created an environment where students are able to apply concepts instead of just learn them.”*

— **Jeff Barbacci,**  
CPA and Managing Shareholder,  
Thomas Howell Ferguson P.A. CPAs

## International Acclaim. Individual Attention.™

### Curriculum

The MAcc program for non-accounting majors consists of the following foundation courses that are taken before enrolling in major courses:

#### Foundation coursework (17 courses, 51 credit hours)

ACG 2021 Introduction to Financial Accounting (3 hrs)  
ACG 2071 Introduction to Managerial Accounting (3 hrs)  
ACG 3101 Financial Accounting and Reporting I (3 hrs)  
ACG 3111 Financial Accounting and Reporting II (3 hrs)  
ACG 3341 Cost Accounting I (3 hrs)  
ACG 4401 Accounting Information Systems (3 hrs)  
ACG 4632 Auditing Theory and Application I (3 hrs)  
TAX 4001 Federal Tax Accounting I (3 hrs)  
CGS 2518 Spreadsheets for Business (3 hrs)  
ECO 2013 Principles of Macroeconomics (3 hrs)  
ECO 2023 Principles of Microeconomics (3 hrs)  
FIN 3403 Financial Management of the Firm (3 hrs)  
GEB 3213 Business Communications (3 hrs)  
ISM 3541 Introduction to Business Analytics (3 hrs)  
MAC 2233 Calculus for Business and Nonphysical Sciences (3 hrs)  
QMB 3200 Quantitative Methods for Business Decisions (3 hrs)  
STA 2023 Fundamentals of Business Statistics (3 hrs)

**Please note:** Candidates who have taken any of these courses may meet with the MAcc program advisor to have their transcripts evaluated to determine what past coursework can be counted toward the degree program's requirements. International students should have their transcripts evaluated by one of the approved evaluation services listed on the following document: [bit.ly/FLevaluators](https://bit.ly/FLevaluators)

#### Graduate coursework (10 courses, 30 credit hours)

Each of the following three MAcc majors consists of 10 courses taken during the student's final three semesters (typically four courses in fall, four in spring, two in summer):

**Assurance and Advisory Services Major:** Provides students with skills related to the practice and theory of auditing and related services. Emphasizes building teamwork and analytical skills. Leads to auditing or advisory work at large, international public accounting firms.

**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.

**Taxation Major:** Provides students with meaningful opportunities to develop the technical, analytical and research skills necessary for a successful career in tax. 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 public accounting firms as tax professionals.

**Please note:** Graduate coursework is scheduled to begin after the completion of foundation coursework but may be started in the last semester of foundation coursework with the approval of the MAcc program director. Required curriculum for each major may be found at [business.fsu.edu/MAcc](https://business.fsu.edu/MAcc). Program requirements are subject to change.

### Cost of degree

Each MAcc program course's tuition depends on whether it is an undergraduate or graduate course. The program follows the university's tuition rates. For a complete list of current estimated costs, visit [business.fsu.edu/MAcc](https://business.fsu.edu/MAcc). Consideration for departmental financial assistance is made only for the three semesters of graduate work and is awarded on a competitive basis.

### Admission guidelines

Admission to the Master of Accounting program is highly competitive. The decision is based on a portfolio of qualifications, including prior academic performance, work experience, entrance exam scores (such as the GMAT or GRE) and letters of recommendation. The entrance exam is a university requirement that may be waived if an applicant meets certain criteria. Apply for a GMAT exam waiver if you have passed all four parts of the CPA exam or have significant accounting work experience. For exact criteria and instructions on requesting waivers, see [business.fsu.edu/waive](https://business.fsu.edu/waive).

### 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](https://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.
  - Nonrefundable application fee of \$30.00 (see University Application or go to [fees.fsu.edu](https://fees.fsu.edu))
  - Florida Residency Declaration
- 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 are 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](https://business.fsu.edu/MAcc) and [admissions.fsu.edu/international/graduate](https://admissions.fsu.edu/international/graduate)