

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING + MASTER OF ACCOUNTING PATHWAY PROGRAM

COMBINE TWO DEGREES;
COMPLETE THEM AT A FASTER RATE

"If you are a talented, motivated undergraduate accounting student, then our combined pathway program is perfect for you. Choose our new, streamlined pathway and learn the technical skills needed to be superior certified public accountants."

— **Miles Romney**

Assistant Professor of Accounting

ACCELERATED COURSEWORK: Highly qualified Florida State University accounting students can get a head start on graduate school by taking up to nine credit hours that will double count toward bachelor's and master's degree requirements.

INDUSTRY DEMAND: Challenging graduate work equips students with key analytical skills that employers seek. Employment for accountants and auditors is expected to grow faster than the average of other occupations. Professionals earning a graduate degree or securing a CPA license stand to make 5 to 15 percent more in salary than those without these credentials.

MOVE FORWARD TODAY: Apply for the Combined BS/MAcc Pathway program before registering for senior-level coursework. Preferred application deadlines are **May 1, Aug. 1** or **Dec. 1** in the second semester of a student's junior year.



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“By entering the combined pathway program, students can easily transition from the undergraduate program into the Master of Accounting (MAcc) program and can graduate a semester earlier. By committing to further studies at FSU, top accounting students also benefit from having a built-in support group of hard-working peers who are also juggling coursework while studying for the CPA exam.”

— **Holly Sudano**

Director of BS/MAcc Pathway Program,
Assistant Chair of Accounting and Senior Lecturer

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Prerequisites: Top FSU undergraduate accounting students can opt for the **Combined Bachelor of Science in Accounting/Master of Accounting (BS/MAcc)** Pathway program that allows them to streamline their studies. Students must meet the following criteria: an overall GPA of at least 3.4, an upper-division GPA of at least 3.2, and an upper-division accounting GPA of at least 3.2 based on at least four upper-division accounting courses.

Eligible students apply for the combined pathway program by the end of their junior year. Admitted students are then able to register for graduate courses during their senior year.

Students admitted will still be required to apply separately to the Master of Accounting (MAcc) pathway program. Students should do this during the first semester of their senior year.

While students entering the combined pathway program are typically on track for admission to the MAcc program, students still must meet MAcc application requirements. To learn more about what application materials will be needed, including recommendations, personal statements and requirements for an acceptable GMAT score or information on how to qualify for a GMAT waiver, visit business.fsu.edu/MAcc.

Curriculum: Students in the Combined BS/MAcc Pathway program can take up to nine hours of graduate work that will double count toward their graduate and undergraduate degree requirements. Combined pathway program students must average a 3.0 GPA or higher in double-counted courses in order for their work to count toward the MAcc degree.

The graduate classes are more advanced than the undergraduate classes that they are replacing and provide the standard skills and knowledge required by the university and expected by employers hiring master's graduates.

Students in the Combined BS/MAcc Pathway program can substitute the following graduate courses for three undergraduate courses:

- **ACG 5216 Advanced Accounting**
Substitutes for: ACG 4201 Financial Accounting and Reporting III
Prerequisite: ACG 3111. This course provides an in-depth study of financial reporting and accounting principles related to investments, business combinations, consolidated enterprises, and foreign operations and the statement of cash flows.
- **BUL 5335 Law for Accountancy**
Substitutes for: BUL 3351 U.C.C. and Law for Accountancy
This course exposes students to the basic concepts of law as applied to the accounting profession. The focus is on the application and analysis of legal and ethical principles.
- **TAX 5015 Federal Income Tax Accounting II**
Substitutes for: TAX 4011 Federal Tax Accounting II
Prerequisite: TAX 4001. This course explores concepts and methods of determining income of corporations, partnerships, estates, and trusts for tax purposes as well as interpretation of Internal Revenue Code, related regulations, and tax advisory services.

Combined pathway students admitted to the MAcc pathway program will take courses over two semesters to complete the MAcc degree. Scheduled coursework includes:

ACG 5175 Financial Statement Analysis
ACG 5635 Auditing Theory and Application II
ACG 5695 Challenges in Professional Accounting

Plus courses specific to one of three majors:

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.

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 corporations as well as public accounting firms.

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 public accounting firms as tax specialists.

For course descriptions and listings by major, visit business.fsu.edu/MAcc.

Please note: Program requirements are subject to change.

Application process: Apply for the Combined BS/MAcc Pathway program by completing the Graduate Programs Office's online form at bit.ly/BS-MAcc (case sensitive).

Interested students should apply for the pathway program before registering for senior-level coursework. Preferred application deadlines are **May 1**, **Aug. 1** or **Dec. 1** in the second semester of a student's junior year.

Cost of degree: The combined pathway program double counts up to nine credit hours in the undergraduate accounting major and the MAcc program, thus streamlining the workload. Eligible students may benefit by applying remaining undergraduate Bright Futures award toward a portion of the nine credit hours of graduate coursework tuition and fees that are being counted toward both degrees. For current estimated costs, visit business.fsu.edu/BS-MAcc.

MAcc admission guidelines: Students admitted to the combined pathway program will still be required to apply separately to the Master of Accounting (MAcc) pathway program during their senior year. Apply by **March 1** for summer entry, **June 1** for fall entry and **Oct. 1** for spring entry. Students interested in being considered for assistantships and fellowships should apply by **Jan. 1**. Combined pathway program students not accepted into the MAcc pathway program may not continue with the combined pathway program. For more information, visit business.fsu.edu/MAcc.

The FSU College of Business programs in business and accounting are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International).

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