“If you are a talented, motivated undergraduate accounting student, then our combined pathway is perfect for you. Choose our new, streamlined option and learn the analytical 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 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.
“By entering the combined pathway, 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 Combined BS/MAcc Pathway, 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 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 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) program. Students should do this during the first semester of their senior year.

While students entering the combined pathway 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 can take up to nine hours of graduate work that will double count toward their graduate and undergraduate degree requirements. Combined pathway students must average a 3.0 GPA or higher in toward their graduate and undergraduate degree requirements. Combined pathway students not accepted into the MAcc program may not continue with the combined pathway.

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

- ACG 5135 Financial Accounting Theory and Standard Setting
- 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 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, 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 by completing the Graduate Programs Office’s online form at bit.ly/BS-MAcc (case sensitive).

Interested students should apply for the combined pathway 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 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 will still be required to apply separately to the Master of Accounting (MAcc) 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 March 1. Combined pathway students not accepted into the MAacc program may not continue with the combined pathway.

For more information, visit business.fsu.edu/MAcc.