

George Daverio School of Accountancy

An AACSB Accredited School with about 650 declared undergraduate majors and 110 graduate students

The Master of Science in Accountancy Degree

The George W. Daverio School of Accountancy invites you to consider its innovative and professionally recognized Master of Science in Accountancy (MSA) degree. The program offers students the flexibility to combine their accounting backgrounds with coursework in information systems and finance. It also allows students without undergraduate degrees in accounting to combine their diverse backgrounds with a graduate degree in accounting. Students may pursue a professional accountancy option or an accounting information systems option.

Our recent MSA graduates have gone to work in public accounting, industry, information systems consulting, internal audit, and taxation. Some have also gained admissions to doctoral programs in accounting.

Program learning goals:

Students in the MSA program will:

- develop advanced knowledge and understanding of accounting, the regulatory environment, and professional practice issues and challenges.
- enhance their critical thinking skills and develop the ability to apply advanced knowledge of accounting concepts, principles and practices.
- develop the ability to research accounting issues and write research reports that incorporate qualitative and quantitative data analysis and integrate information from multiple sources.
- demonstrate effective written and oral communication skills

Admission requirements:

Admission to the program is open to students with either accounting or non-accounting undergraduate degrees. A satisfactory score on the GMAT is required.

New Students are encouraged to start the program in the fall semester, each year. Students must apply online at <http://www.uakron.edu/gradsch>.

Courses in the MSA Curriculum:

Individuals with non-accounting degrees are required to complete 24 credits of business and accounting foundation courses. Students who have completed equivalent foundation courses at the undergraduate or graduate level may apply for waivers. Applications for waivers will be reviewed on a case by case basis, considering such factors as the student's background, work experience, institution attended, grades earned, and date when similar courses were taken.

Students in the MSA program must complete a total of 30 credits beyond the foundation courses. At least 15 credits must be graduate accounting courses. Twelve of those credits must be at the 600-level. Depending on their interest, students may focus their electives in accounting, finance or information systems. Twelve credits of information systems are required for the AIS option.

Individuals may pursue the program as either part-time or full-time students by taking the courses listed on the next page. All classes are offered during the evening hours.

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Generic Plan

Advise all students to take MSA courses in the sequence listed below.

Summer 0

Advise students to take a financial accounting course if they have no accounting or business background. This is highly recommended but not mandatory. Warn students that they may have difficulty in the program if they do not have such a course. We recommend Summer 0 or before in order not to delay their graduation. The course level (grad or undergrad) and college where they take the course does not matter much. Our preference is, however, an accredited business school.

Fall 1

6200:621 Corporate Acct I
6200:603 Acct Decision Support Systems
6400:602 Managerial Finance
6500:601 Quantitative Decision Making (has new title)

Spring 1

6200:610 Process Analysis & Cost Management
6400:623 Legal Aspects of Business Transactions
6200:622 Corporate Acct II
6200:540 Auditing

Summer 2

6200:627 Survey of Federal Taxation (*only for students without an accounting degree from an AACSB business school; use 628 and/or 631 in fall for students with accounting backgrounds; may be taken in Fall 2 if this is the only tax course students will take*)

Fall 2

6200:658 Enterprise Risk Assessment
6200:520 Advanced Financial Reporting & Analysis (*normally only for students who have not previously completed a similar course at an accredited business school*)
6200:628 Tax Research (*preferred and highly recommended for students with undergrad accounting degrees; not possible if student did not complete 627 or other tax course in a prior semester*)
Electives (*up to 9 credits, depending on background and whether Tax Research is selected*)

Spring 2

6200:615 ERP & Financial Data Comm.
6200:637 Contemporary Issues
6200:660 Accounting & Assurance Project (*capstone course; prerequisites are 6200:540 and permission; normally, permission will be granted only if they have completed 6200:658 and are graduating in the current semester*)
Electives (*up to 6 credits, depending on number taken in Fall*).

Graduate with MSA

Summer 3

Expectation – Take Summer CPA Review & pass all 4 parts of CPA exam by end of summer in the same way that Law students study for and pass the bar in summer immediately after graduation.

Fall 3

Expectation – Start full-time employment with CPA exam in hand.