



**MSA/MBA**  
**Master of Science in Accounting /**  
**Master of Business Administration**

The student must be admitted to both the MBA program and the MSA program. University policy on dual degrees stipulates that 50% of the credit hours for the shorter program may be counted toward both degrees and all requirements for both degrees must be met. Therefore, the MSA/MBA degree requires a minimum total of 70 units: the 55 units of MBA course work, to include 15 units of dual counted Accounting approved core and elective courses, plus an additional 15 units of required Accounting core courses. There are 18 minimum core Accounting units.

**In summary:**

MBA Degree requirements: 55 units of coursework

MSA Degree requirements: 30 units of coursework

However: 50% (15 units) of approved Accounting coursework can be counted toward the MBA

Therefore, to receive the dual degree, the following are required:

- For the MBA degree:  
40 units of course work taken from the MBA core and elective curriculum  
15 units of approved Accounting core and electives courses  
**55 units:** meets requirement for the MBA degree
  
- For the MSA/MBA degree: In addition to the above,  
15 units of Core Accounting coursework  
**15 units**

**Minimum Total Units: 70**

The proposed MSA/MBA dual degree program allows MBA students to apply to the MSA program prior completing their first year. With proper planning a student can receive both degrees in five academic semesters or two and one-half years of full time study. The summers would ideally be spent in two different internships.

One must have a minimum of 70 units to graduate with both degrees. Upon completion, the dual degree student will have completed a minimum of 31 credits of accounting courses, which combined with other coursework in the MSA/MBA dual degree may qualify students to become licensed as a CPA in their preferred state. Students must research the CPA educational requirements in the state where they plan to work. Academic advisors in Accounting can help interpret the requirements but it is the student's responsibility to ensure the requirements are met. Please note that students must meet all other requirements to become licensed as a CPA



including but not limited to passing the uniform CPA exam. The coursework in the MSA/MBA dual degree program will provide the necessary background to pass the uniform CPA exam.

MBA students must successfully complete the following MSA prerequisites before formal admission into the MSA program: ACCT 540, ACCT 545, ACCT 500A, ACCT 500B, and ACCT 520. MBA students do not need to take ACCT 200, ACCT 210, or ACCT 310 prior to beginning the MSA program.

### **MSA APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

When the MBA program is started first, the student should take ACCT 500A in the Spring of their first year.

In the spring of the first year of the MBA program, students apply to the MSA program. If the student meets all admission standards to receive a review for admission, they are likely to be admitted by the department's committee provided the student performs well in the MSA prerequisites. Admission will not be final until the student has completed the MSA prerequisites as noted by an \* below. Each dual degree applicant should also register for ACCT 500B and ACCT 520 to take in the fall if provisionally accepted into the MSA Program.

If accepted, MBA students will take classes as outlined in Sample graduation plan below.

<b><u>Year 1 - Fall</u></b>	<b><u>Course Title</u></b>	<b><u>Units</u></b>
MGMT 556	Leadership and Teams	2
ACCT 540*	Introduction to Financial Accounting (*MSA Prerequisite)	2
ECON 550	Economics for Managers	2
MGMT 562	Business Statistics	2
BCOM 510A (replaces ACCT 580)	Business Communication and Professional Development	3
MKTG 510	Market-Based Management	2
FIN 510A	Financial Management I	2
ECON 551	Business Strategy	2
BNAD 596C	Global Business Experience	2
TOTAL		19

### **Year 1 - Spring**

#### **Apply to MSA Program by March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

FIN 510B	Financial Management II	2
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MIS 585	Strategic Management of Information Systems	2
BNAD 597A	MBA Consulting Project	3
ACCT 545*	Introduction to Managerial Accounting (*MSA Prerequisite)	2
MIS 560	Operations Management	2
ACCT 500A*	Intermediate Financial Accounting (*MSA Prerequisite)	<u>3</u>
TOTAL		14

**Year 2 – Fall**

ACCT 500B*	Intermediate Financial Accounting (*MSA Prerequisite)	3
ACCT 520*	Introduction to Federal Taxation (*MSA Prerequisite)	3
ACCT 5XX	Accounting Core**	3
MBA ELE	MBA Elective	3
MBA ELE	MBA Elective	<u>3</u>
TOTAL		15

**Year 2 – Spring**

**Review for admission to MSA program is given prior to Spring Semester. Admission will depend upon the student's performance in the MSA Prerequisite classes noted above with an \*.**

ACCT 5XX	Accounting Core**	3
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ACCT/ECON/FIN/MIS	Accounting Required Course	3
MBA ELE	MBA Elective	<u>3</u>
TOTAL		12

**Year 3 – Fall**

ACCT 5XX	Accounting Core**	3
ACCT 5XX	Accounting Core**	3
ACCT ELE	Accounting Elective** (taken from list below)	3
MBA ELE	MBA Elective	<u>3</u>
TOTAL		12

**Students must also pass a written comprehensive examination at the end of the MSA program.**

**MSA students must select 18 units of Accounting Core courses from the following list\*\*. There will also be an additional elective from a different pre-approved courses list within the ACCT department.**



Core Courses	Course Title
ACCT 522	Advanced Federal Taxation (F)
ACCT 531	Principles of Auditing (F)
ACCT 554	Financial Statement Analysis (F)
ACCT 572A	Accounting for Not-for-Profit Entities (F)
ACCT 501	Advanced Accounting (F/S)
ACCT 521	Business Law and the Search for Non-Obvious Liabilities (F/S)
ACCT 561	Accounting Information Systems (F/S)
ACCT 510	Advanced Cost Accounting (S)
ACCT 515	Accounting Ethics (S)
ACCT 532I	Audit Simulation (S)