

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING

The 10-month residential MS Accounting (MSA) program prepares you to take the CPA exam while enhancing your technical skills, improving your written and oral communication, and developing your critical thinking and leadership abilities. The 30-credit hour program provides you with the data analytics skills that accounting employers seek and prepares you for public, nonprofit, government or corporate accounting. Whether you plan to pursue a career in assurance, forensic accounting, or consulting, the flexibility of the MSA program allows you to choose your area of focus and complete 1-2 internships. Pair this with the built-in access to the Becker Fast Pass CPA prep course and you'll be well prepared to pass the CPA exam and launch your career.



DEGREE EARNED
Master of Science



LENGTH
10 months beginning in
August or July



FORMAT
Full-time, In-Residence
30 credit hours



FEES
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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

97%

EMPLOYMENT RATE, WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF
GRADUATION
Class of 2024

88%

FIRST-TIME CPA PASS RATE

- MSA student first-time CPA pass rate is 22% higher than undergraduate test takers.
- The first-time pass rate of the CPA Audit section jumps from 54% to 93% with an MSA.
- MSA students can take a CPA Exam prep course as part of the MSA curriculum.
- Compared to those with only a bachelor's degree, MSA graduates are poised to capitalize on accelerated promotion opportunities and an estimated \$1.5 million increased lifetime earning potential, when combined with a CPA license.
- Flexible curriculum for students with two tracks: a CPA focus for public and corporate accounting and a CPA/CMA track designed for specialized corporate accounting.
- Customized plan of study which emphasizes advanced accounting electives, Excel skills, research opportunities, professional and ethical standards, communication and leadership.
- Active alumni network around the world that includes distinguished alumni such as Beth Brooke, CPA and former Global Vice Chair at Ernst & Young (Forbes List of 100 Most Powerful Women).

MORE INFORMATION

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CLASS PROFILE

Employment

- 92% Employment Rate

Average Salary

- \$63,456

Top Employers

- Deloitte
- EY
- Moss Adams
- PepsiCo
- Plante Moran
- PwC
- RSM
- Textron
- Trittech Software

Top Positions

- Accounting Auditor
- Financial Accountant
- Professional Service Accountant
- Professional Service Auditor

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MS ACCOUNTING & AUDITING
IN NORTH AMERICA

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Master's Programs

Accounting

CURRICULUM

30 total required credits

Core Courses

- Advanced Auditing & Auditing Analytics
- Business Law for Accountants
- Communication for Accountants

MSA Electives

- Accounting Data Analytics
- Accounting Ethics
- Accounting Scandals
- Advanced Taxation
- Advanced International Accounting
- Forensic Accounting and Fraud Examination
- Government and Nonprofit Accounting
- Private Equity Accounting
- Practicum in Taxation
- Valuation and Financial Statement Analysis

General Business Electives

- Data Mining
- Leadership
- Logistics
- Management of Organization Data
- Options and Futures
- Portfolio Management
- Spreadsheet Modeling
- Predictive Analytics
- Project Management
- Financial Management
- Financial Modeling

Experiential Learning

- Washington, D.C - Accounting and Public Policy Trip

Please note: Course offerings are subject to change. For a complete list, please refer to catalog.purdue.edu

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The curriculum in the Daniels program is directly tied to the information I will need to know when taking my CPA exam, which is the reason the majority of my program is getting their MSA.”

EMILY ROBINSON
MS Accounting '24

September 2025