

Master of Science in Accounting

The University of Louisiana Department of Accounting and the B.L. Moody III College of Business Administration are pleased to announce the launch of a new Master of Science in Accounting program this fall. The program offers a graduate degree and also provides the additional credentials to meet the 150 hours required to sit for the CPA Exam in Louisiana. Accounting graduates are enjoying a phenomenal level of demand from both the public and private sector. Retiring baby boomers, Sarbanes-Oxley Act, and a host of new health care regulations have combined to create a field with rapidly increasing opportunities. The Master of Accounting degree sets its holders apart, providing a distinction that is rapidly becoming necessary for top tier accounting positions. Courses and faculty are ready and in place for the Fall, 2014 semester.

Building on a strong tradition of preparing students to enter the accounting profession, the Department of Accounting's mission, indeed, the passion of our program, is to extend the education of qualified students through a creative and exciting learning environment. The pursuit and attainment of the M.S. in Accounting degree will provide advanced preparation for careers in public accounting, industry, government, consulting, while providing the additional hours required to sit for the CPA exam.

For most students, starting the program in the Fall semester is the best option due to the timing of course offerings. However, the program is flexible enough to allow Spring and Summer entrants on either a full or part-time basis. Many courses will be offered in the evening, allowing students to work while completing the program. Importantly, the program is both convenient and affordable.

The M.S. in Accounting degree consists of 33 semester hours and is designed to be completed in approximately one year by a full-time student.

The curriculum for the program is as follows:

Required Accounting Courses (18 hours):

ACCT 516 Professional Ethics for Accountants

ACCT 525 Selected Topics in Advanced Income Tax

ACCT 546 Auditing Theory and Standards

ACCT 531 Theory of Accounting

ACCT 533 Theory and Practice of International Accounting

ACCT 597 Directed Research in Accounting

Elective Accounting Courses (9 hours to be selected from elective list):

ACCT 523 Federal Income Taxation of Corporations & Partnerships

ACCT 524 Federal Income Taxation of Estates and Trusts

ACCT 542 Fraud Examination

ACCT 551 Financial Accounting Research and Analysis

ACCT 532 Contemporary Accounting Thought

ACCT 540 Internal Auditing and Management Control

ACCT 550 Tax Research and Analysis

Elective Business Courses (6 hours) are to be selected from existing 500 level business law, economics, finance, information systems, management or marketing courses. Information regarding the MS in Accounting program is available from the Director of the MS in Accounting program. (MX 335C)

Accreditation

The B.L. Moody III College of Business Administration and the Department of Accounting are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), International.



As of April 2011, there were 633 AACSB accredited schools of business worldwide, and, only 28% of these schools have a separate accounting accreditation.

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette (UL Lafayette) is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award Baccalaureate, Master's, and Doctoral Degrees.



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Master of Science in Accounting Admission Requirements

To apply for admission into the Master of Science in Accounting Program:

1. Go to the UL Lafayette Website – www.louisiana.edu
2. Click on Admissions (at the top of the page).
3. On the right, in red, you will see, **Apply Now**. Click on it.
4. Scroll down to *Graduate Students*.
5. If you have a UL email address and password, enter here. If you are a first-time user, create a User ID and Password.
6. Once you have logged in, click to read instructions.
7. The application process is outlined in 6 steps on the left of the page.
8. During step three, you will be asked to select the program you are applying for. The M.S. in Accounting can be selected in the drop down menu under Masters' Degree.
9. For step four, the required test is the GMAT.
10. Once you have completed the six steps, click Application Preview (also on the left) to submit your application.
11. The application will not be processed until you submit your application fee (\$25.00).
12. You will be required to submit the following directly to the Graduate School (must be submitted at least 30 days before the beginning of the semester for which admission is sought):
 - a. Online application
 - b. Application Fee
 - c. Official transcripts from every university that you have attended
 - d. Official GMAT scores
 - e. Three letters of recommendation
 - f. Proof of immunization form (May be submitted electronically)
 - g. A current resume
 - h. A statement of purpose
 - i.

These materials are to be submitted to the Graduate School via one of the following:

Mailing Address:

UL Lafayette Graduate School
PO Box 44610
Lafayette, LA 70504-4610

Physical Address:

UL Lafayette
104 E. University Avenue
Martin Hall, Room 332
Lafayette, LA 70503

There are additional requirements for International Students