

# ACCOUNTANCY, MAS

for the degree of Master of Accounting Science in Accountancy

The M.A.S. program is a one-year program for students who have completed or are pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy from an accredited U.S. institution. Each student will select either Taxation (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/accy/taxation/>) or Financial Reporting & Assurance (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accountancy-mas/financial-reporting-assurance/>) for their core accounting concentration. Students are also required to select a secondary graduate elective concentration. By design, the program emphasizes the emerging trend of data analytics in the practice of accounting, with a standard course plan that leads to a graduate concentration in D (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/accy/data-analytics-accountancy/>) Data Analytics in Accountancy (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/accountancy/data-analytics-conc/>) to fulfill the graduate electives. Students have the choice of remaining in the standard course plan or selecting from among the following alternative graduate concentrations to fulfill the graduate elective requirement: C (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/badm/corporate-governance-international-business/>) Corporate Governance and International Business (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/badm/corporate-governance-international-business/>), F (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/finance/finance/>), F (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/finance/finance/>), F (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accountancy-mas/financial-reporting-assurance/>) Financial Reporting & Assurance (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accountancy-mas/financial-reporting-assurance/>), I (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/badm/information-technology-control/>) Information Technology & Control (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/badm/information-technology-control/>), R (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/finance/real-estate/>) Real Estate ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/finance/graduate\\_concentration\\_in\\_real\\_estate/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/finance/graduate_concentration_in_real_estate/)), Taxation (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/accy/taxation/>), and S (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/badm/supply-chain-management/>) Supply Chain Management ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/bus-admin-ms/graduate\\_concentration\\_in\\_supply\\_chain\\_mgmt/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/bus-admin-ms/graduate_concentration_in_supply_chain_mgmt/)). Students who wish to deviate from the standard course plan, but do not wish to pursue a listed graduate concentration, may petition to take other graduate courses of interest subject to approval of an Accountancy Advisor. Admission to a concentration requires application to the Department. Admission to some concentrations may be competitive.

## Admission

All applicants to the Master of Accounting Science program should refer to MAS program (<https://giesbusiness.illinois.edu/mas/admissions/>).

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For additional details and requirements refer to the department's program information online (<https://business.illinois.edu/mas/>) and the Graduate College Handbook (<http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/>).

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Choose one (1) from:</b>		<b>4</b>
ACCY 410	Advanced Financial Reporting	
ACCY 451	Advanced Income Tax Problems	
NOTE: ACCY 451 and ACCY 410 are currently offered for differential credit (3 hours undergraduate or 4 hours graduate credit). Students in the Taxation concentration that complete both of these courses during the undergraduate timeframe will take ACCY 510, ACCY 517, or an approved elective. Students in the Financial Reporting & Assurance concentration that complete both ACCY 451 and ACCY 410 for 3 hours of undergraduate credit would either take ACCY 518 or ACCY 574, or an approved elective. All graduate electives must be approved by an Accountancy Advisor.		
<b>Choose one (1) Accounting elective from this list:</b>		<b>4</b>
ACCY 510	Financial Reporting Standards	
ACCY 512	Data Analytics for Management Accounting	
ACCY 515	Auditing & Assurance Standards	
ACCY 517	Financial Statement Analysis and Valuation	
ACCY 518	Financial Statement Fraud	
ACCY 550	Multistate Taxation	
ACCY 554	International Taxation	
ACCY 570	Data Analytics Foundations for Accountancy	
ACCY 571	Statistical Analyses for Accountancy	
ACCY 574	Risk Management and Innovation	
ACCY 575	Data Analytics Applications in Accountancy	
ACCY 592	Introduction to Accounting Research	
<b>Choose one (1) of these two (2) concentrations:</b>		<b>12</b>
Taxation		
Financial Reporting & Assurance		
<b>Choose one (1) additional concentration from this list:</b>		<b>12</b>
Corporate Governance & International Business		
Data Analytics in Accountancy		
Financial Reporting & Assurance		
Finance		
Information Technology & Control		
Real Estate		
Supply Chain Management		
Taxation		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>32</b>
<b>Other Requirements</b>		
<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Description</b>	
Other requirements may overlap		
The prescribed courses may only be used to satisfy the requirements of one concentration.		
All 32 graduate hours must be completed at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.		
Minimum GPA:	3.0	

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**Learning Objective 1:** Advanced accounting competency

Students will build on their undergraduate knowledge of accounting by adding advanced knowledge of more complex accounting transactions. Students also will gain the ability to derive decision-relevant information from financial statements to make more strategic use of accounting information for decision-making.

**Learning Objective 2:** Advanced Professional Research Skills

Students will be able to identify, interpret and apply the authoritative literature related to their areas of specialization to address accounting questions characterized by uncertainty and ambiguity.

**Learning Objective 3:** Attitude-related Professional Preparation

Students will develop an understanding for and appreciation of an accountant's professional responsibility, and will become aware of society's expectations.

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**Graduate Degree Programs in Accountancy**

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with optional concentrations:

- Business & Public Policy (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/finance/business-public-policy/>)
- Corporate Governance & International Business (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accountancy-ms/>)
- Data Analytics in Accountancy (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accountancy-ms/>)
- Finance (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accountancy-ms/>)
- Financial Reporting & Assurance (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accountancy-ms/>)
- Information Technology & Control (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accountancy-ms/>)
- Real Estate (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accountancy-ms/>)
- Supply Chain Management (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accountancy-ms/>)
- Taxation (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/accy/taxation/>)

Accountancy, MS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accountancy-ms/>) (on campus & online)

with optional concentrations:

- Business & Public Policy (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/finance/business-public-policy/>)
- Corporate Governance & International Business (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accountancy-ms/>)
- Data Analytics in Accountancy (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accountancy-ms/>)

- Finance (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accountancy-ms/>)
- Information Technology & Control (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accountancy-ms/>)
- Supply Chain Management (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accountancy-ms/>)
- Taxation (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/accy/taxation/>)

with optional online concentrations:

- Accountancy Analytics (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accountancy-ms/accountancy-analytics/>)

Accountancy, PhD (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accountancy-phd/>)

**Minor:**

- Accountancy (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/minors/accy/accountancy/>)

**Certificate:**

- Accounting Data Analytics, CERT (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accy/accounting-data-analytics-cert/>)

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**Gies College of Business**

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**Admissions**

Grad College Admissions & Requirements (<https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/>)

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