

ACCOUNTANCY, MS (IMSA) AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, MBA (IMBA)

for the joint degrees of Master of Science in Accountancy and Master of Business Administration in Business Administration (online)

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overview of graduate college admissions & requirements: Graduate Admissions (<https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/>)

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The Joint Degrees in Master of Science in Accountancy and Master of Business Administration in Business Administration can be completed online.

This fully online joint master's degree provides students with a broad, deep knowledge in business and accounting. Students will build and master skills in the following areas: technical accounting, business management, data analytics, finance, leadership, marketing, and strategy. The joint degree delivers a high-quality program that is accessible to a global audience. The highly-engaging delivery format and our world-renowned faculty provide students with a hands-on, practice-oriented, and team-based learning experience. It caters to learners who need flexibility and convenience in order to balance work with academic life. The residential MBA can be earned jointly with most on-campus master's or PhD programs. The joint iMBA/iMSA program is a new option that will be available for students enrolled in Gies College of Business' online programs.

The degree allows students to minimize time and cost by earning both degrees simultaneously. It also provides students both a well-rounded business education and the accounting knowledge needed to prepare for the Uniform CPA exam. The joint degree requires 92 credit hours divided between iMBA and iMSA courses (60 for iMBA and 32 for iMSA). A minimum GPA of 3.0 must be maintained in order to remain in good standing.

Students who do not meet the requirements for the joint degree can petition to switch to one of the two individual programs, and then they would complete the degree requirements of either the iMSA or the iMBA program. Any credits already earned toward the stand-alone degree can be counted toward degree completion. Any remaining credits can be either counted toward completion of an iMBA or iMSA specialization – a series of related courses – if those credits are aligned with an existing specialization, or transferred to another program or university which accepts transfer credits.

Admission

Students interested in the joint iMBA/iMSA degree program can initially apply to either program. Students entering the joint degree through the iMBA program must first complete the ACCY 500 course at a grade B or higher. They must also have been enrolled in the iMBA program for three consecutive semesters with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in order to become eligible to petition for the Department of Accountancy's approval to officially become a joint-degree student. A potential joint-degree student entering through the iMSA program must complete 20 semester credits of required accountancy coursework in the iMSA program at a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. At that point, they would become eligible to petition for the iMBA program's approval to officially become a joint-degree student.

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Code	Title	Hours
BADM 508	Leadership and Teams	4
BADM 509	Managing Organizations	4
BADM 520	Marketing Management	4
BADM 544	Strategic Management	4
BADM 567	Process Management	4
BADM 572	Stat for Mgt Decision Making	4
FIN 511	Investments	4
FIN 580	Special Topics in Finance (Section: Corporate Finance)	4
ECON 528	Microeconomics for Business	4
ECON 529	Macroeconomics for Business	4
ACCY 500	Accounting Measurement, Reporting, and Control (Section IMB)	4

Complete an additional elective course to meet the iMBA Core 3 requirement, selected in consultation with an Online Programs advisor.	4
Complete one iMBA focus area, selected in consultation with an Online Programs advisor. (p. 2)	12
ACCY 501 Accounting Analysis I	4
Students must demonstrate proficiency to lead instructors for iMSA ACCY 501 Part A and only take Part B of iMSA ACCY 501.	
ACCY 502 Accounting Analysis II	4
ACCY 503 Managerial Accounting	4
Students are required to take the 16-week iMSA version of ACCY 503.	
ACCY 504 Auditing	4
ACCY 505 Federal Taxation	4
ACCY 506 Advanced Topics in Accounting (Section: Advanced Financial Reporting)	4
ACCY 507 Taxation of Business Entities	4
Non ACCY elective course. This course should be selected in consultation with an Online Programs advisor. Electives may include, BADM 403 or another non-accounting course. ⁵	4

Other Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Complete any two specialization capstones plus an integrated capstone final project in the iMBA program.		
Minimum GPA:		3.0

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Digital Marketing		
MBA 541	Marketing in a Digital World	
MBA 542	Digital Marketing Analytics	
MBA 543	Digital Media & Marketing	
MBA 544	Marketing in an Analog World	
Global Challenges in Business		
MBA 546	Global Business Horizons	
MBA 547	Global Marketing	
MBA 548	Global Strategy	
Entrepreneurship & Strategic Innovation		
MBA 551	Strategic Innovation	
MBA 552	Fostering Creative Thinking	
MBA 553	Entrepreneurship: From Startup to Growth	
Data Insights to Business and Operational Excellence		
MBA 561	Introduction to Business Analytics with R	
MBA 562	Introduction to Business Analytics: Communicating with Data	
MBA 563	Data Toolkit: Business Data Modeling & Predictive Analytics	
MBA 564	Data Analytics Applications in Business	