ACCOUNTANCY

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Major: Accountancy
Degrees Offered: M.A.S., M.S., Ph.D.
Graduate Concentration: Business and Public Policy (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/finance/graduate_concentration_in_business_and_public_policy) (M.A.S., M.S.), Corporate Governance and International Business (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/bus-admin-ms/graduate_concentration_in_corp_gov_and_intl_bus) (M.A.S., M.S.), Finance (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/finance/graduate_concentration_in_finance) (M.A.S. only), Information Technology and Control (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/bus-admin-ms/graduate_concentration_in_info_tech_control) (M.A.S., M.S.), Supply Chain Management (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/bus-admin-ms/graduate_concentration_in_supply_chain_mgmt) (M.A.S., M.S.), Taxation (M.A.S. only)

Graduate Minor: Accountancy
Graduate Concentration: Accountancy
Off Campus Program: Major: Taxation
Degrees Offered: M.S.

Graduate Degree Programs
The Department of Accountancy offers on campus graduate programs leading to the degrees of Master of Accounting Science (M.A.S.), Master of Science in Accountancy (M.S.A.), and Doctor of Philosophy in Accountancy. The M.A.S., M.S.A, and Ph.D. degrees are offered on the Urbana-Champaign campus. We also offer the Master of Science in Taxation (M.S.T.) at the Illini Center in Chicago. The master’s degree requirements can be completed in one year. The Ph.D. degree takes approximately four to five years of full-time study and research.

Admission
All applicants for the M.S.A. and Ph.D. programs, domestic or international, are required to take the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT). This test should be taken early enough to ensure that the results will be available to the department before action on admission. The admission requirements of the Graduate College also apply, including prior academic performance and references. In addition, all international applicants must take the Internet-Based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test. The M.S.T. offered in Chicago does not require the GMAT for applicants who meet the two-year minimum work experience requirement. Applications for admission to the doctoral program, supported by three letters of recommendation, must be approved by the department admissions committee, which may require an oral or a written examination.

• Master of Accounting Science (M.A.S.) (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/accountancy/accounting-mas)
• Master of Accounting Science (M.A.S.), Taxation Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/accountancy/taxation-concentration)
• Master of Science in Accountancy (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/accountancy/accountancy-ma)
• Master of Science in Taxation (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/accountancy/master-taxation)

Doctor of Philosophy
The student’s doctoral program is determined in consultation with a faculty advisory committee. The student’s evolving plans for the doctoral thesis serve as a guide in planning the program. Program coursework is comprised of two general categories: core studies and advanced studies within an area of specialization (i.e., a supporting field). The latter coursework is tailored to facilitate the student’s dissertation.

In addition, candidates must pass a written accountancy core examination and both oral preliminary and oral final examinations on the doctoral thesis. In the accountancy core examination, candidates must demonstrate a thorough knowledge of research methods and accounting theory; a general acquaintance with the subject matter of the variety addressed within accountancy doctoral core studies; and proficiency in the required areas of economic theory, quantitative methods, behavioral science and financial economics.

Requirements
Graduate study, at least 16 hours of which are in a supporting field (e.g., economics, finance, psychology). Students generally take at least one graduate course in finance and at least one graduate course in psychology. They take additional courses in their supporting field.

A two-course introduction to mathematical statistics and probability theory

Accountancy core doctoral seminars:

ACCY 592 Intro to ACCY Research
ACCY 585 Constructs in Atg Research
ACCY 593 Special Research Problems (section B)
ACCY 593 Special Research Problems (section C)
ACCY 593 Special Research Problems (section S)
ACCY 594 Doctoral Research Seminar (in area of specialization)

Microeconomics at the graduate level (ECON 500), and another economics course at the graduate level from an approved listing

ACCY 599 Thesis Research

Total Hours 96

Other Requirements
Other requirements may overlap
Minimum Hours Required Within the Unit:
Minimum 500-level Hours Required
Overall:

Information listed in this catalog is current as of 12/2015
Students must present a research paper at the Accountancy Research Forum by the end of the spring semester of the second year and before they take the Accountancy Core Examination.

Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement, experience in teaching is considered an important part of the accountancy Ph.D. program.

Masters Degree Required for Admission to Ph.D.? No
Qualifying Exam Required (Accountancy Core Examination) Yes
Preliminary Exam Required Yes
Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required Yes
Dissertation Deposit Required Yes
Minimum GPA: 3.0

For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s program information online (https://business.illinois.edu/accountancy/programs/phd) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

Graduate Minor in Accountancy

The minor in Accountancy seeks to develop business leaders who understand the role of accountancy and accounting in the conduct of business and the allocation of resources within society.

This minor requires twelve graduate hours of coursework. Admission to the minor requires an application to the Department and admission to one of the M.S. programs in the College of Business or a graduate program in a related discipline approved by the Department. Admission is limited and acceptance is on a competitive basis.

Note: Students within the major cannot minor in the same program.

AccY 501 Accounting Analysis I 4
AccY 502 Accounting Analysis II 4
AccY 503 Managerial Accounting 4
or AccY 517 Financial Statement Analysis

Or, substitute graduate accountancy courses approved by an Accountancy MSA program advisor.

Total Hours 12

Other Requirements

In addition to the minor requirements, students must also complete the requirements of their major degree.

Please contact your department for more information regarding the addition of a minor to your program of study.

1 For additional details and requirements refer to the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).