

Catalog Description of Master of Accountancy:

The Online Master of Accountancy program is designed for recent graduates as well as working professionals who need to balance family, work, and classes. The **Online** Master of Accountancy program is designed to provide students with strong graduate-level preparation in accounting that will allow them to enter the accounting profession and achieve certification as Certified Public Accountants (CPA) ~~and/or Certified Management Accountants (CMA).~~ ~~M.Acc.~~ **MAcc** graduates will be able to build significant accounting careers in public accounting, industry, financial institutions, government, and not-for-profit organizations; as CPAs they may also seek out opportunities for entrepreneurship. In recognition of the fact that accounting is a five-year program of study, the 30-hour ~~M.Acc.~~ **MAcc** degree program allows students to earn the 150 hours required by most state Boards of Accountancy for licensure as CPAs while focusing on value-added accounting knowledge and skills useful in the workplace.

The goals of the program are achieved through coursework delivered in an ~~environment~~ **online format** in which students are actively engaged in learning. Instruction builds on a foundation of business and pedagogical technology, CPA ~~and CMA~~ review, internship opportunities, and the development of leadership and other skills. Content areas include ~~24~~ **18** hours in financial and ~~cost/managerial~~ **governmental** accounting, auditing, income taxation, ~~fraud examination, accounting information systems and~~ financial statement analysis ~~and law~~; students must also select ~~6~~ **12** additional hours from a variety of master's-level **accounting, information systems and** business electives. Full-time students who enter the program with a strong undergraduate preparation in accounting and business will be able to complete the program in one year of full-time study.