The mission of the M.S. in Accountancy (MSA) program is to provide students with a high quality accounting education that prepares students for a successful career in accounting. Through our program, students will be able to contribute to the vitality of the East Bay, the state and global communities.

**CAREERS**

According to California Employment Development Department, the demand for accountants and auditors is forecasted to grow at 17.9% in California and at 17.2 in the East Bay from 2014 to 2024. Graduates of the MSA program can pursue a wide range of professional accounting careers in public accounting firms, corporations, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations.

**FACULTY**

The College of Business and Economics faculty hold doctoral degrees from top education intuitions in the United States and are at the forefront of accounting research, industry consulting, and practice.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Students with a baccalaureate degree in any subject from an accredited college or university may apply. Work experience is desirable, but not required. To be considered for admission to the MSA program, each applicant is evaluated on the basis of:

1. Past academic performance as reflected in undergraduate grade point average and subsequent coursework;
2. Results of the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) [code TCV-K9-86]:
   a. Both verbal and quantitative percentages must be greater than 20%.
   b. Index score must be greater than 1,050 [Index Score = Upper Division GPA x 200 + Total GMAT].
   c. GRE equivalent scores are accepted.
   d. GMAT scores waived if an applicant has passed all four parts of the US CPA Examination.
   e. GMAT score may be waived if an applicant has completed an MBA degree from an AACSB accredited business school.
   f. For International students, demonstrated proof of English proficiency (e.g., TOEFL score of 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based) or 79 (internet-based) or IELTS of 6.5 or above);
   g. Relevant experience;
   h. Personal interview.

**APPLYING TO THE PROGRAM**

**Apply for Fall Semester:**
Students who have completed all four foundation courses should apply for Fall Semester. Applications for Fall Semester open on October 1 on Cal State Apply.

**Apply for Summer:**
Students who need to take any foundation courses need to apply for the Summer to start the MSA program.

U.S. students can apply for summer admission on Cal State Apply starting February 1. If you have difficulty applying for summer contact gradadmission@csueastbay.edu for assistance.

International students can apply for Fall semester first. If needed, the application will be changed to summer when admitted.

**DEADLINES**

First round: February 15
Second round: March 15
Third round: April 15

**WHY CAL STATE EAST BAY**

- Courses are taught by faculty with Ph.Ds, special expertise and industry experience
- Curriculum features U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (US GAAP), International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and U.S. and International Standards on Auditing (ISAs)
- Program provides 24 semester units of Accounting Subjects required for the CPA exam
- Program provides both the 20 semester units of Accounting Study and 10 semester units of the Ethics Study to satisfy the 30 semester units required for CPA licensure in California
- 17-months Cohort program
- Weekend schedule ideal for working professionals
- Professional Career Development Workshops
- Graduates placed at top accounting firms.

**ACCREDITATION**

CSUEB’s MS Accountancy is fully accredited by the AACSB.
THE PROGRAM

The MSA program requires 33-45 units as follows:

Foundation Courses: 0-12 units

MSA Program Courses
Core Courses: 30 units
Capstone: 3 units
Total: 33 units

1. Foundation Courses (0 – 12 units)
   a. ACCT 210: Introduction to Financial Accounting (3)
   b. ACCT 215: Introduction to Managerial Accounting (3)
   c. ACCT 331: Federal Taxation for Individuals (3)
   d. ACCT 340: Accounting Information Systems (3)

Foundation courses are not required for application to the program. Students can apply to the program without the foundation courses. Foundation courses will be offered in the summer prior to the start of the MSA program for admitted MSA students who need the foundation course(s). The foundation courses needed for each applicant will be determined based on the transcripts submitted and the review by the MSA Program Director for equivalency. Students who need to take foundation courses need to apply for admission to the program in the Summer.

Foundation courses can be satisfied by courses taken in an undergraduate program with a grade “B-” or better within the last five years.

The two lower division courses, ACCT210 and ACCT215 can be transferred from courses taken at other universities or a community college.

The two upper division courses, ACCT331 and ACCT340 must be completed at an AACSB accredited 4 year university or college.

These four courses are offered regularly at CSUEB each semester. Non-CSUEB students can take these courses through Open University.

2. Core Courses (30 units)
   a. ACCT 611: Financial Reporting and IFRS I (3)
   b. ACCT 612: Financial Reporting and IFRS II (3)
   c. ACCT 613: Advanced Topics in Financial Accounting (3)
   d. ACCT 621: Accountants' Ethics and Professional Responsibilities (3)
   e. ACCT 622: Auditing Theory and Practice I (3)
   f. ACCT 623: Auditing Theory and Practice II (3)
   g. ACCT 631: Corporate Tax (3)
   h. ACCT 639: Business Laws and Regulations (3)
   i. ACCT 671: Business Communications and Professional Development I (1.5)
   j. ACCT 672: Business Communications and Professional Development II (1.5)
   k. ACCT 681: Financial Statement Analysis and Business Valuation (3)

3. Capstone Requirement (3 unit)
   ACCT 693: Project (3)

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Students will be able to complete the cohort-based MSA program in 17 months.

Summer Session: 4 Foundation Courses are offered for admitted students who need the foundation course(s)

Fall Semester: ACCT 611, ACCT 612, ACCT 671 & 672
Spring Semester: ACCT 613, ACCT 622, ACCT 631
Summer Session: ACCT 681, ACCT 693
Fall Semester: ACCT 621, ACCT 623, and ACCT 639

Upon completion all the requirements, students can expect to graduate in December of the following year.

TUITION

MSA Program courses are $755 per unit. Total Program cost (33 Units) is $24,915. Foundation courses are $540 per unit. Financial Aid is available.

LOCATION

All classes are held in the classrooms in the VBT Building on CSUEB Hayward campus.