MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTANCY

MISSION:
Providing a high-quality accounting education that prepares students for a successful career in accounting. Students will be able to contribute to the vitality of the East Bay and the global community.

CAREERS
According to the California Employment Development Department, the demand for accountants and auditors is forecasted to grow at 10.9% in CA and 11.5% in the East Bay from 2016-2026. Graduates of the MSA program can pursue a wide range of professional accounting careers in public accounting firms, corporations, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations.

GRADUATES ARE HIRED AT
- Armanino
- BDO
- BPM
- CLA
- Deloitte
- DZH Phillips
- EY
- Grant Thornton
- KPMG
- Lindquist
- Mowat Mackie and Anderson
- OBFM Accountants
- PwC
- Realize
- Sensiba San Filipo
- Sweeney Kovar

THE MSA PROGRAM
Foundation Courses: 0-12 Units

MSA Program Courses:
Core Courses 30 Units
Capstone Project 3 Units

TOTAL: 33 Units

APPLYING TO THE PROGRAM
Apply for Fall Semester:
Students who have completed all 4 foundation courses can apply for the Fall Semester. Fall applications are accepted from October 1 to June 1 on Cal State Apply on a first-come first-served basis. Students are encouraged to apply early.

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

Apply for Summer:
Students who need foundation courses need to apply for the Summer to start the MSA program in the summer. Summer applications will be accepted from February 1 to April 15 on Cal State Apply.

APPLY TODAY!
calstate.edu/apply

WHY CAL STATE EAST BAY?
- 17-month cohort-based program.
- Weekend schedules ideal for working professionals.
- Provides 24 semester units of Accounting Subjects required for the CPA exam.
- 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 the CPA licensure in California.
- Curriculum features US Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (US GAAP), International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and U.S. and International Standards on Auditing (ISAs.)
- Special features: Cutting Edge Data Analytics applied in accounting & audit, Robotic Process Automation (RPA) for accounting processes, Machine Learning and Forecasting, Business Planning and Analysis tools, Fraud Exam & Forensic Accounting elective courses.

ACCREDITATION
The MS Accountancy program at Cal State East Bay’s College of Business & Economics is fully accredited by the International Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB.)

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MSA PROGRAM CURRICULUM (EFFECTIVE FALL 2020)

1. Foundation Courses (0-12 Units)
   a. ACCT 210 - Introduction to Financial Accounting (3 Units)
   b. ACCT 215 - Introduction to Managerial Accounting (3 Units)
   c. ACCT 320 - Business Law for Accountants (3 Units)
   d. ACCT 325 - Accounting Ethics (3 Units)

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). 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, ACCT 210 and ACCT 215 can be transferred from courses taken at a community college. The two upper division courses, ACCT 320 and ACCT 325 must be completed at an AACSB accredited 4-year university or college.

2. Core Courses (30 units)
   ACCT 611 - Financial Reporting and IFRS I (3 Units)
   ACCT 612 - Financial Reporting and IFRS II (3 Units)
   ACCT 613 - Advanced Topics in Accounting (3 Units)
   ACCT 622 - Auditing Theory and Practice I (3 Units)
   ACCT 623 - Auditing Theory and Practice II (3 Units)
   ACCT 630 - Federal Taxation of Individuals and Sole Proprietors (3 Units)
   ACCT 631 - Federal Taxation of Corporations and Flow-Through Entities (3 Units)
   ACCT 641 - Data Analytics in Accounting I (3 Units)
   ACCT 671 - Business Communications and Professional Development I (1.5)
   ACCT 672 - Business Communications and Professional Development II (1.5)
   ACCT 681 - Financial Statement Analysis and Business Valuation (3)

3. Capstone Requirement (3 units)
   ACCT 693 - Project (3)

4. Students who have taken a similar undergraduate course and received a B+ grade or better can request to substitute the course with one of the elective courses below, subject to program director’s approval:
   ACCT 642 - Data Analytics in Accounting II
   ACCT 423 - Information Technology Audit and Cybersecurity
   ACCT 424 - Forensic Accounting and Fraud Examination
   ACCT 635 - Strategic Cost and Performance Management
   ACCT 422 - Internal Auditing
   Or graduate courses in MBA Finance or MS Business Analytics program.

TUITION

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

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 M.S. in Accountancy program, each applicant is evaluated on the basis of:

- Past academic performance as reflected in undergraduate grade point average and subsequent coursework, a minimum of 2.5 GPA is required;
- Results of the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) [CSUEB MSA program GMAT code is TCV-K9-86];
  - Both verbal and quantitative percentages must be greater than 20%.
  - Index score must be greater than 1,050 [Index Score = Upper Division GPA x 200 + Total GMAT].
  - GRE equivalent scores are accepted.
  - GMAT scores will be waived for the following:
    - If an applicant has an overall GPA of 3.0 or above for the bachelor degree received from an accredited U.S. university.
    - If an applicant has passed all four parts of the US CPA Examination.
    - If an applicant has completed an MBA degree from an AACSB accredited business school.

- For International students: demonstrated proof of English proficiency (e.g. TOEFL score of 80 or IELTS of 6.5 or above);
- Resume

This program prepares students for CPA Exam and CPA Licensure:

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This program provides some elective coursework for advanced professional certifications if appropriate courses are selected:

- Certified Internal Auditor
- Certified Fraud Examiner
- Certified Information System Auditor
- Financial Planning and Analysis Certification

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