

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

FORVIS Accountancy Program



Western
Carolina
UNIVERSITY

College of Business

ACCOUNTANCY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In as little as one year, gain the skills, credentials, and knowledge to kick off your career in accountancy. The Master of Accountancy degree offers online class options, dedicated faculty, and job placement programs to prepare students for advancement in their current career, meet licensure requirements, or pursue other careers in accounting.

Learn from industry-active faculty who have real-world experience on the best ways to tackle today’s most challenging financial environments, and complex accounting scenarios.

You’ll learn to deal with unstructured problems and complex decision-making in accounting and beyond, as well as how to apply accounting principles to real world cases.



Highlights



Earn your degree in as little as 12 months



Top 10% accounting program in US*



Learn from faculty with real-world experience



Less than 6% of business schools have AACSB accreditation



GMAT / GRE (or an approved waiver request)



Spring, Summer, and Fall intakes



Top 5% pass rate for CPA exam



Program delivered online

*Rankings from Best Accounting Schools

The Master of Accountancy degree is designed to provide students with the necessary foundation for successful careers in public accounting, industry, government, and not-for-profit institutions. It prepares students to meet the AICPA and state board 150-hour requirement for licensure as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

Time to Completion

Students who have met all entrance requirements and enroll full-time can complete the program in as little as 12 months. Part-time students who complete two courses each semester and one each summer can complete the program in 24 months.



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Online Classes

- Our program allows students to earn their degree while working full-time.
- All courses are offered fully online.
- Students will take a mixture of financial accounting, auditing, taxation, and information systems courses.

Student Testimonial

I chose this program because I had already graduated from Western with my bachelor's in accounting and then heard Western had a good MAcc program. Also, I am paying for my education on my own and Western's graduate program didn't break the bank. I was already familiar with the professors and their teaching techniques, appreciate intimate class sizes, and how nice and approachable the professors are.

My goal is to pass the CPA exam, which will move me forward in my career, and I could not do this without the instruction and assistance I am receiving in this program.

Grace Crowe, MAcc Student



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Alumna Testimonial

I graduated with my Bachelor's degree in Accounting and Finance in 2019 and then graduated with my Masters in Accounting in 2021.

If you had told me when I started my undergraduate program that I would have my Master's degree just 5 years later I would have thought you were crazy! However, I had the best undergraduate experience at WCU and chose to stay for their MAcc program.

Without the encouragement and support from my fellow peers and faculty it definitely would not have been possible.

One of the best aspects of WCU's College of Business is the faculty. The class sizes are relatively small which helps to build strong relationships with your professors. The faculty are very approachable, knowledgeable, and truly devoted to helping you succeed.

I was given many opportunities to grow professionally which also helped me financially through the program. I had the opportunity of working an internship in WCU's internal audit office, as well as working under faculty as a graduate assistant. WCU also provides several opportunities for financial support that truly make it an affordable program.

With the help of faculty, I also received an internship with CohnReznick, a mid-tier public accounting firm, which is where I now work as a full-time Assurance Associate in Charlotte, NC.

WCU's rigorous and challenging studies along with the collaborative group projects helped me to grow into my professional career today. I am grateful for the experiences and relationships gained through my studies at WCU. If you're looking for a program with a great atmosphere, passionate faculty, prospective career opportunities, and the ability to build lifelong personal and professional relationships then WCU is for you!

Callie Hendrick, MAcc Alumna



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JOB PLACEMENT

Our graduates are highly recruited and have nearly a 100% job placement rate after graduation, with most receiving job offers while still in the program. Employers appreciate the academic rigor and real-world application taught by our accountancy faculty.

What Can You Do With This Degree?

The Master of Accountancy degree is designed to provide students with the necessary foundation for a successful career in public accounting, industry, government, and not-for-profit institutions.

- Chief Financial Officer
- Accounting Manager
- Financial Accounts Manager
- Tax Accountant
- Certified Public Accountant

Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's Degree (ABM Track)

High-achieving accounting undergraduate majors from AACSB-accredited schools may be admitted to the Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's track, and are permitted to take selected graduate courses during their senior year of undergraduate studies.



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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Students will take financial accounting, auditing, taxation, and information systems courses.



Core Courses (18 semester credit hours)

- ACCT 605 – Accounting Theory and Research
- ACCT 615 – Accounting Theory and Practice
- ACCT 616 – Advanced Accounting Theory and Practice
- ACCT 620 – Income Tax Theory and Applications
- ACCT 625 – Advanced Accounting Information Systems
- ACCT 640 – Auditing

Elective Courses (12 semester credit hours)

- ACCT 601 – Financial Statement Analysis
- ACCT 630 – Taxation of Flow-Through Entities
- ACCT 635 – Governmental and Nonprofit Accounting
- ACCT 645 – Advanced Individual Taxation
- ACCT 651 – Advanced Managerial Accounting
- ACCT 660 – International Accounting*
- ACCT 683 – Accounting Internship

*In the past, students traveled to London / Amsterdam.



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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS



This program is designed for students holding undergraduate accounting degrees, but an accounting undergraduate degree is not required for admission. For those applicants not holding an undergraduate accounting degree, some additional coursework will be required.

For applications to be considered, the following must be submitted:

- Online application and application fee
- Three letters of recommendation
- Resume
- Copy of your transcripts
- GMAT/GRE (or an approved waiver request)

The standardized test requirement may be waived. Complete the [online waiver request form](#).

How to Apply

Applicants can [apply online](#) through the Graduate School at WCU.




Additional Admissions Information

Please visit the [MAcc program page](#) to get the most up-to-date admissions information by following these links:

- [Application Deadlines](#)
- [Admissions Requirements](#)
- [Attend an Upcoming Virtual Open House](#)



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AFFORDABLE PAYMENT OPTIONS TO FIT YOUR BUDGET

Financial Assistance and Tuition Rates

With some of the most competitive graduate tuition rates in North Carolina, we keep affordability and accessibility a priority. We make it easy for you to elevate your career prospects while seizing the opportunity to earn an affordable degree.

View our [tuition and fee](#) rates online. Look for the “graduate business student” category (out-of-state students using military benefits receive the in-state rate).

Federal student loans are available by applying through [FAFSA.gov](#), and the university offers a payment plan. Be sure to list WCU’s school code (002981). The WCU FAFSA priority filing date is January 1 for the following Fall semester.

WCU offers scholarships, along with other resources which can reduce your cost of attending. These are limited and allocated based on merit and financial needs. Scholarships are available to all students, with a university-wide application deadline of February 1, and a College of Business graduate scholarship deadline of June 30, for the upcoming academic year. To learn more about scholarships and how to apply, visit our [scholarships webpage](#).

International Applicants

International applicants, as well as anyone who attended a university in a country where English is not the official language, must provide a course-by-course or detailed evaluation of transcripts by an acceptable evaluation agency, and must take an accepted Test of English as a Foreign Language exam. International students should only start the program in a Fall term and should apply at least one year before the desired admission term.

Approved transcript evaluation agencies and more information on international applicant requirements are available by visiting [internationalgrad.wcu.edu](#).



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WHAT CAN WCU OFFER YOU AND YOUR FUTURE?

Tucked away in the mountains of western North Carolina, WCU is a close-knit community of faculty and students working together to build a global network. With more than 11,500 students attending Cullowhee, Asheville, and online programs, WCU offers a large network of students and alumni locally and across the country (and around the world!) to leverage for future networking opportunities.

WCU has more than 120 undergraduate majors and concentrations, and more than 40 graduate programs focusing on high-demand degrees, including various programs in business, engineering, science, healthcare, education, humanities, and the arts.

WCU's College of Business Graduate Programs provide a diverse range of graduate degrees and certificates for recent graduates and working professionals. We focus on developing the relevant skills, experience, and leadership acumen needed to advance in an increasingly competitive global economy.

Relationships Matter to Us

WCU College of Business faculty value one-on-one relationships with students, supporting them throughout their graduate experience and continuing to offer mentorship after the graduation caps have been thrown and tassels turned to the other side.

Our professors share deep business wisdom and offer a rich experience to empower students in their careers now and well into the future. We aim to foster lasting relationships with alumni and local businesses to keep our community thriving together.

Why Enroll at WCU College of Business?

Our accredited and devoted faculty are the #1 reason students love their graduate experience at WCU.

Our programs are built around deeply engaged faculty who not only have years of experience as educators but are also leaders in their respective fields, bringing their diverse knowledge directly into each classroom.

We believe education should be accessible and affordable for anyone dedicated and willing to learn. WCU offers students an affordable, high-quality education that carries all the prestige of the UNC system.



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World-Class Faculty

More than 94% of the faculty members in the College of Business hold doctoral degrees representing 38 different universities. Beyond the classroom, senior faculty members publish research, work in public service, and provide private consulting. Faculty members are also active in professional organizations and serve as editors for professional and academic journals.

Real-World Education and Experience

Our programs offer an immersive learning environment with a proven and collaborative approach that mirrors the demands of dynamic business environments. We focus on expanding critical thinking, decision-making, and problem-solving skills so you can leave the program feeling confident in your next career move. You will emerge personally and professionally empowered to pursue a career as an entrepreneur, thought leader, or star employee.

Flexibility

Whether you are a working professional looking to move up the ranks in your field, or a recent undergraduate who wants an educational advantage as you enter the workforce, our programs are designed for your individual needs.

Accreditations

Western Carolina University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award Baccalaureate, Master’s, and Doctorate Degrees.

WCU’s College of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the premier global accrediting agency for business programs. Less than 6% of business schools have AACSB accreditation for their graduate and undergraduate programs.



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