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Master of Science in Accounting

Leaders are made here.

Working professionals interested in investing in themselves and developing their careers can benefit from the enrolling in the PVAMU Master of Science in Accounting (MSA) program. Classes for the MSA are offered in Houston at the PVAMU Northwest Houston Center (near HWY 249 and FM 1960). Qualified students preparing for a career as a certified public accountant (CPA) have access to full tuition scholarships, specialized preparation materials and career assistance.

Prairie View A&M University's College of Business is accredited with AACSB International, the gold standard for business school accreditation.

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Admission Requirements

- Admission to the PVAMU Office of Graduate Studies.
- Undergraduate degree from an accredited college/university.
- Minimum GPA of 2.75
- No GRE/GMAT test scores required.

Application Deadlines

Domestic Students

Summer - April 1

Fall - May 1

Spring - November 1

International Students

Summer - February 1

Fall - May 1

Spring - September 1

The **Master of Science in Accounting (MSA)** is a graduate degree offered by the Prairie View A&M University College of Business. The PV MSA Program is geared towards working professionals seeking to earn a graduate degree while continuing their career paths and new accounting professionals just entering the field. Students of the program develop a technical understanding of advanced accounting and finance principles in preparation for professional opportunities in the public and private sectors.

Program Details

Students enrolled in the MSA program must complete 30 graduate credit hours of coursework, including six (6) accounting courses, one (1) finance course, and three (3) elective courses.

Required Core Courses		Semester Offered	Class Format
ACCT 5311	Advanced Auditing	Spring	Hybrid
ACCT 5312	Accounting Information Systems & Control	Summer	Hybrid
ACCT 5314	Accounting Theory	Summer	Hybrid
ACCT 5315	Seminar on Tax Consulting, Planning and Research	Spring	Hybrid
ACCT 5317	Accounting for Managerial Decision Making	Fall	Hybrid
ACCT 5332	Data Analytics in Accounting	Fall	Hybrid
FINA 5310	Financial Management	Fall, Spring, Summer	Face-to-Face or Online

Students complete core accounting classes in a hybrid format (50% traditional classroom, 50% online). Face-to-face class sessions occur at Prairie View A&M University's Northwest Houston Center (NWHC) location (9449 Grant Rd. Houston, TX 77070; near HWY 249 and FM 1960) on alternating Saturdays in the semesters outlined in the chart above. Core accounting courses are offered once a year.

FINA 5310 (Financial Management) can be completed in face-to-face or online formats, with face-to-face delivery also offered at the PVAMU NWHC.

Elective Options

Students must also complete three (3) elective courses from an approved list of course options, with most offered online. No face-to-face graduate business classes are offered on the PVAMU main campus. Please speak with the Graduate Director for questions about the availability and format of certain elective courses.

Students can refer to the PVAMU Catalog for course descriptions and general information.

Examples of electives offered:

- Applied Database Management
- Business Analytics and Modeling
- Financial Markets and Institutions
- Human Resource Management
- International Finance
- Investment Analysis and Management
- Managerial Economics
- Management Information Systems
- Organizational Behavior
- System Analysis & Design

Program Prerequisites

Individuals without a four-year undergraduate degree in accounting or coursework must complete certain prerequisite (leveling) courses. A minimum of nine (9) credit hours of accounting prerequisite coursework must be completed before applying to the program; however, individuals are encouraged to complete the remaining accounting prerequisites before enrollment.

Arrange to speak with the Graduate Director for recommendations on how best to complete prerequisite courses in a timely manner. A grade of 'C' or better is required for each prerequisite.

[*Special Note: Individuals admitted for study and assigned prerequisite courses will receive **Leveling/Post-baccalaureate Status** until prerequisites are completed. Standing can then be changed to Graduate Student Status.*]

Prerequisite Courses	
ACCT 2301	Principles of Accounting
ACCT 2302	Principles of Managerial Accounting
ACCT 3321	Intermediate Accounting I
ACCT 3322	Intermediate Accounting II
ACCT 3333	Federal Income Tax I
ACCT 4322	Auditing
FINA 3310	Principles of Finance

Admission & Application Requirements

- Four-year baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution. Overall undergraduate GPA of 2.5 or above.
- Complete and submit the university's Graduate Studies application online, along with the application fee.
- Official transcript from the institution where the undergraduate degree was awarded and any transcripts considered for evaluation for coursework.
- Three recommendations from former professors, co-workers, supervisors, or other individuals with professional affiliation. [Please use the Graduate Studies recommendation form.]
- Response to the essay question: *Please share your short-term and long-term career goals. Explain how the graduate business degree contributes to accomplishing these goals.*
- Updated professional resume is optional but **strongly** recommended.
- Applicant Information Form (available in Application Checklist document)

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of the MSA degree? The MSA degree is designed to support the educational requirements for professional positions requiring advanced accounting skills. This degree also contributes to the requirements to sit for the State of Texas CPA exam.

What is the difference between an MSA and an MBA degree? The MSA degree is a specialized master's credential that supports a career path in accounting. Degree requirements include completing 21 graduate credit hours in accounting and finance, with an additional nine (9) graduate credit hours in elective business coursework.

The Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree is a professional credential that encompasses studying a broad range of business areas to build up strategic thinking to benefit the larger organization.

Is the GMAT or GRE required for the program? No! There is no test requirement for the MSA Program.

Is the MSA degree at PVAMU accredited? Yes! The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accredits all undergraduate and graduate degrees offered by the College of Business at Prairie View A&M University.

How long does it take to earn the MSA degree? Students with degrees in accounting and non-accounting majors who have completed all prerequisites before enrolling in the graduate program typically take one to two years to complete the degree. This depends on the number of courses (typically 2 – 4) enrolled in per semester. Individuals who have yet to complete all required prerequisites, specifically in accounting, will likely require additional time to complete the graduate degree.



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