



**PRAIRIE VIEW
A&M UNIVERSITY**
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Masters of Science in Accounting Program Information Sheet

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Course Requirements

Completion of 30 credit hours (10 graduate courses)

Seven required core classes:

ACCT 5113	Advanced Auditing (Spring)
ACCT 5123	Accounting Information Systems (Summer)
ACCT 5133	Accounting for Managerial Decisions (Fall)
ACCT 5143	Accounting Theory (Summer)
ACCT 5153	Seminar in Tax (Spring)
ACCT 5163	Law & Ethics (Fall)
BCOM 5203	Managerial Communications

Three additional graduate courses completed from an approved list of business electives.

Prerequisites

Assigned to non-accounting majors upon admission to the MSA Program. 3 credit hours per course.

ACCT 2113	Financial Accounting
ACCT 2123	Managerial Accounting
ACCT 3113	Intermediate Accounting I
ACCT 3123	Intermediate Accounting II
ACCT 3333	Federal Income Tax I
ACCT 4223	Auditing

Delivery of classes

Core graduate accounting classes completed face-to-face.

BCOM 5203 and electives can be completed face-to-face or online as scheduled each term.

Location

Graduate level accounting courses meet face-to-face at Prairie View A&M University's Northwest Houston Campus. BCOM and electives also taught at Northwest Houston Campus if meeting face-to-face.

Schedule

Accounting classes in the program meet on Saturdays. BCOM and elective courses offered Monday – Thursday (6 – 8:50 pm) or online.

Application Requirements

1. Four year baccalaureate degree from accredited institution. Overall undergraduate GPA of 2.5 or better
2. Complete and submit university ApplyTexas application online.
3. Three recommendations from former professors, co-workers, supervisors, or other individual with professional affiliation.
4. COB application packet Applicant Information Form and response to essay question. (Resume is optional.)

Application materials submitted to the Office of Graduate Studies along with application fee.

Application Deadlines (Late fees may apply after published deadlines)

Domestic Students

Fall entry (May 1st), Spring entry (October 1st), Summer entry (March 1st)

International Students

Fall entry (May 1st), Spring entry (September 1st), Summer entry (February 1st)

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Master of Science in Accounting (MSA) Program?

The MSA is a specialized graduate degree focusing on advanced accounting principles. This professional credential provides advanced accounting training beyond the undergraduate degree.

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 for completing the State of Texas CPA exam.

What is the difference between the MSA and MBA degree?

The MSA degree is a specialized masters credential that supports a career path in accounting and related disciplines. Degree requirements include the completion of 18 graduate credit hours in accounting, and an additional 12 graduate credit hours in business coursework.

The Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree is a professional credential that encompasses the study of a broad range of business areas with the goal of building up strategic thinking to benefit the larger organization. Degree requirements include the completion of 30 graduate credit hours of core coursework, and an additional 6 graduate credit hours in elective business coursework.

How long does it take to earn the MSA degree?

Full-time graduate students: Four semesters

Part-time graduate students: Progression is self-paced but students must complete accounting courses in designated terms when offered.

What is the admissions process for Prairie View A&M students enrolled in the 4+1 Program?

4+1 students must follow the same application process as outlined in Application Requirements section.