Producing **PRODUCTIVE PEOPLE** is the goal of Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU). This goal is the foundation of graduate programs in business in the College of Business. The curriculum and objectives of the graduate business programs are based on the rich traditions and cultural heritage that exist at PVAMU.

Today, businesses need leaders who are able to make decisions based on critical thinking, who can express their ideas verbally and in writing, and are effective as an individual contributor or on a team. These expectations are the cornerstone of the Master of Science in Accounting (MSA) degree program in business in the College of Business.

PVAMU and the College of Business are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS-COC) and the College of Business is accredited by The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

Another advantage of the graduate programs in business at PVAMU is that they are designed for the **working adult**. Currently, the business graduate student is an average 29 years of age and has an average of 2.5 years of experience in business.

The commitment to the working adult is not taken lightly and every effort is made to accommodate the needs of our working students. For example, all classes are in the **evening or on Saturday**. Also, classes are conducted at the **Northwest Houston Center located in northwest Houston with some courses offered online**.

The **MSA degree** is designed to provide advanced training in accounting to prepare accounting professionals for careers in public, private, and governmental accounting. The objective of the program is to prepare graduates to meet the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy prerequisites for the Uniform CPA Examination.
**Admission requirements include:**

Complete Apply Texas One application online ([www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org))
Graduate Programs information form
Three references
Undergraduate transcripts
GMAT or GRE scores (Students in Provisional status must take the GMAT or GRE prior to completing the first semester)
Essay entitled, “Why I Want an MSA”
Minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.45 on a 4.00 scale

**Admission status (starting fall 2014 semester)**

**Provisional status:** Students enter in provisional status when they have an undergraduate cumulative GPA of 2.45 or greater.

Students must move from provisional status to graduate status after completing 12 semester credit hours and prior to registering for more than 12 credit hours.

The PVAMU graduate GPA for the first 12 SCHs multiplied by 200 plus the total GMAT score (or GRE equivalent) must equal a minimum of 950 in order to be eligible to move from provisional to graduate status.

\[(\text{undergraduate GPA} \times 200) + (\text{GMAT or GRE}) = 950\]

**Graduate status:** Students enter in graduate status when their undergraduate GPA (minimum of 2.75 required) for their last 60 SCHs multiplied by 200 plus their total GMAT (or GRE equivalent) score equals a minimum of 950.

\[(\text{graduate GPA} \times 200) + \text{GMAT} = 950\]

**Prerequisites**

Students must take prerequisite courses when:

The prerequisite course(s), or an equivalent, have not been taken prior to entering a degree program.

Or the prerequisite course(s), or equivalent were taken 7 academic years, or more, prior to registering for the required (core) course.
Application Material Checklist

Prairie View A&M University, Graduate Programs, College of Business

In order to complete the processing of your application please forward the items below items to:

Prairie View A&M University
Graduate School
Delco Building, Suite 120
P.O. Box 519; MS 2800
Prairie View, TX 77446-2800

1. Complete Apply Texas One application online (www.applytexas.org)

2. Completed Graduate Programs Application Information form

3. Pay the fee (see box at bottom of this page).

4. Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
   - **Graduate Degree Status** requires a minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.75 plus having taken the GMAT.
   - **Provisional Graduate Status** requires a minimum GPA of 2.45.
   - **Special status**: If the GPA is below 2.45, prior to attending class the applicant must complete the GMAT, submit an essay with a minimum of 3,500 words explaining why he or she wants a graduate degree and be interviewed. Students in Special status are not eligible for financial aid.

5. Three letters of recommendation using the Recommendation of Applicant form.

6. Official copy of GMAT scores if applying for Graduate Degree status. Students in Provisional status can take a maximum of 12 semester hours before the GMAT is required. GMAT scores must be reported directly to the College of Business at PVAMU. Access GMAT information online at www.mba.com or call 1-800-717-GMAT (4628).

7. An essay explaining “Why I Want a Graduate Degree in Business” (1,000 words maximum).

If you are not a citizen of the United States:

__________ TOEFL scores
__________ Detailed, course-by-course evaluation of international transcripts

Acceptable international evaluation services include:

Span Tran Educational Services (www.spantran-edu.com)
Educational Credential Evaluators (www.ece.org)
World Education Services (www.wes.org)

A **nonrefundable** application fee of $50.00 must be paid prior to the processing of this application. The fee may be paid with a credit card by contacting the Cashier’s Office at (936) 261-1903 or by attaching a check or money order payable to PVAMU to this application. An additional $15.00 late fee is required if the application is submitted after the application deadline.

**Indicate fee payment method:**

- [ ] Application fee paid by credit card. Cashier’s receipt number __________________________
- [ ] Check or money order attached

If you have questions please contact Dr. Lawrence McNeil by phone at (936) 261-9217 or by e-mail at lrmcneil@pvamu.edu.
APPLICATION INFORMATION
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, GRADUATE PROGRAMS

INTENDED DEGREE: Indicate degree program:

_____ Master of Business Administration (no track, 36 hours)*
_____ Online Master of Business Administration (no track, 36 hours)*
_____ Management Information Systems track (42 hours)*
_____ Finance track (39 hours)*
_____ Master of Science in Accounting (30 hours)*

*Hours plus any required prerequisites.

INTENDED SEMESTER FOR ADMISSION:
Fall 20_____; Spring 20_____; Summer 20_____

NAME:______________________________________________________________________

OTHER LEGAL NAME(S): ________________________________________________________

GENDER: MALE _____ FEMALE ____

DATE OF BIRTH:______________________

MAILING ADDRESS:
No. and street name: __________________________________________________________

City and state: _______________________________________________________________

ZIP: _____________________________

EVENING PHONE: ____________________________

DAY PHONE: ____________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS: ____________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________

GMAT: Have you taken GMAT? NO ____; IF YES ____ Date: ___________ Total Score ______

LIST IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER ALL COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES (INCLUDING PVAMU), AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS ATTENDED

Official transcripts from each college or university must be requested and forwarded directly from the institution(s) to the College of Business, Graduate Programs Office.

Institution from(mm/yy) to (mm/yy) major graduated(mm/yy)

1. ____________________________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________________________

3. ____________________________________________________________

4. ____________________________________________________________

NOTES:

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MS, ACCOUNTING (MSA)  
TENTATIVE DEGREE PLAN  
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, PVAMU

Name: ___________________________________________   SID: __________________

Undergraduate degree: __________________________________________

Undergraduate GPA: _____;   GMAT or GRE Score : _____ Date: __________

Entry status: provisional ___, graduate ___, special___

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The Director, Graduate Programs in Business must approve any changes in the plan.

“As a student in the Prairie View A&M University College of Business, I pledge to always be truthful, ethical, and professional in my behavior.”   
Student Code of Conduct (May, 2005)

_________________________       ________________  
Signature of Student  Date  

_________________________       ________________
MBA Program Coordinator  Date