



MSA Program Application Checklist

Office of Graduate Business Programs

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Hello Prospective MSA Student

Thank you for your interest in pursuing your graduate studies with our university. **Producing productive people** is the goal of Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU). This goal is the foundation of our work here 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. Our academic standards are assured through two accrediting bodies. PVAMU is accredited by the **Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS-COC)**. The College of Business is separately accredited by the **Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)**.

The **Master of Science in Accounting (MSA)** degree is designed to provide advanced training in accounting for professionals seeking careers in public, private, and governmental accounting. The program coursework also contributes to the requirements to sit for the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy Uniform CPA Examination.

Faculty are committed to providing a quality education in a close-knit learning environment. Advising support is available through the Director of Graduate Business Programs, who will guide you as a new and continuing student on the best path to completing the degree.

As you take your first steps to submit your application for the MS Accounting program, please take a moment to review the next few pages. The information you provide will help us learn more about you during the evaluation of your application, as well as during your initial advising session following admission.

We look forward to working with you to achieve your educational and professional goals.

Regards,
Office of Graduate Business Programs

Application Material Checklist

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

Individuals applying to the MBA and MSA programs at Prairie View A&M University must submit the following documentation to be considered for admission to the university and the desired program. All application materials for the university and the College of Business must be submitted for admission consideration.

1. Set up an application account via the online Apply Texas system (www.applytexas.org).
 - a. Applicants to the Part-Time or Online MBA should select 'General Business Administration' as the major. For Master of Science in Accounting, select 'Accounting (MS)' as the major.
 - b. Application fee must be paid either online or by check/money order to the university before an application can be officially submitted.

2. Submit official transcripts from degree awarding institution where baccalaureate degree was awarded. Transcripts, when possible, should be submitted electronically using school code **36360**.

[Transcripts from other institutions may be requested if transcript of degree granting institution does not list all transfer credit courses and grades.]

3. Three recommendations. Recommenders should submit *the Recommendation for Graduate Studies Form*. <https://www.pvamu.edu/graduatestudies/services-and-resources/forms/>

[Formal recommendation letters are optional but not required. Form must still be submitted.]

4. In addition to the online application, official transcript, and recommendations, individuals must submit College of Business supplemental documentation to the Office of Graduate Studies.
 - a. Graduate Programs Applicant Information Form
 - b. Updated copy of applicant resume (not required but **strongly** recommended)
 - c. Typed Word document responding to essay question: "Please share your short-term and long-term career goals. Explain how the graduate business degree contributes to accomplishing these goals."
 - i. Applicant name, program seeking admission to, and planned start term should be listed at top of page.
 - ii. No more than 500 words maximum.

Supplemental documents can be emailed to gradadmissions@pvamu.edu or mailed to:

Office of Graduate Studies
Graduate Admission
P.O. Box 519 – Mail Stop 2800
Prairie View, TX 77446

International Applicants

International candidates should refer to the Office of Graduate Studies International Student website at <https://www.pvamu.edu/graduatestudies/international-students/> for specifics on additional required documentation, including language exam requirements and academic credential certification. International applicants may also reach out to the Office of Graduate Studies at gradadmissions@pvamu.edu.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, GRADUATE PROGRAMS
APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM

LAST/FAMILY NAME: _____

FIRST/GIVEN NAME: _____

PREFERRED NAME: _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS:

Street Name/Apt.: _____

City and State: _____ ZIP: _____

MAILING ADDRESS (if different from above):

Street Name/Apt.: _____

City and State: _____ ZIP: _____

EVENING PHONE: _____ DAY PHONE: _____

PRIMARY EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ALTERNATE EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

(Note: University email address will be official source of school communication after enrollment in program.)

INTENDED DEGREE PROGRAM:

_____ Master of Business Administration (36 hours)*

_____ Online Master of Business Administration (36 hours)*

_____ Master of Science in Accounting (30 hours)*

*Hours do not include any required prerequisites.

INTENDED SEMESTER FOR ADMISSION:

Fall Term 20 _____ Spring Term 20 _____ Summer Term 20 _____

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Undergraduate Degree(s) Earned

Institution: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____ Overall GPA: _____

Graduate Degree(s) Earned (if applicable)

Institution: _____

Degree/Field of Study: _____ Overall GPA: _____

COPY OF UPDATED RESUME ATTACHED: Yes _____ No _____