

# Master of Science in Accounting

# College of Business

Accountants speak the language of business, make sure that the organizations operate efficiently, and ensure controls are in place for accurate and reliable financial information. Accountants must be skilled in preparing, analyzing, and verifying financial documents for clients, as well as providing services ranging from budget analysis to financial planning

## Outstanding Preparation

A GSU **Master of Science in Accounting** degree prepares you for success in a field where qualified professionals are increasingly in demand. As a GSU accounting student, you acquire technical knowledge, the ability to analyze complex accounting and business issues, and the skills to effectively communicate with all levels of management. You will be expert in preparing, analyzing, and verifying financial documents for clients, as well as providing services ranging from budget analysis to financial planning.

## Unlimited Potential

GSU's graduate accounting degree program is part of a coordinated course of study in accounting is designed for students from any background or undergraduate degree. Students who complete the M.S. in Accounting at GSU will have met all the educational requirements necessary to sit for the CPA exam in Illinois.

## Facts

- Accounting is one of the **hottest job sectors** in the Chicago area (Crain's Chicago Business, 2014).
- **Employment** of accountants and auditors is projected to **grow faster** than the average for all occupations, according to the U.S. Department of Labor (Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016–17 Edition).
- Accounting professionals with a **graduate degree** or certification such as the CPA license **make 5 to 15% higher salaries** (Robert Half's 2016 Salary Guide for Accounting and Finance).

## Assurance of Quality

AACSB accreditation is the highest sign of quality among business programs, demonstrating the relevancy and currency of our faculty, programs and courses.

## Learn More!

Take the next step. Contact an academic advisor today.

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## How to Apply

Visit the GSU Office of Admissions or  
[www.govst.edu/apply](http://www.govst.edu/apply)

## Admission Requirements

- Graduate Application
- \$50 Application Fee
- Current Resume
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Statement of Intent
- **GRE** or **GMAT** score from last five years\*
- IETLS or TOEFL [International Students only]
- Transcripts from post-secondary institutions

\* may be waived for applicants who earned a master's degree or obtained an undergraduate GPA of 3.5 or higher (last 60 hours) at a regionally accredited college or university

## For admission process, visit:

[www.govst.edu/cob/checklist](http://www.govst.edu/cob/checklist)

## International Students

For more information and additional admission requirements, visit  
[www.govst.edu/ois](http://www.govst.edu/ois)

## Required Preparation\*\*

- Financial Accounting
- Managerial Accounting
- Cost Accounting I
- Intermediate Accounting I and II
- Accounting Information Systems
- Tax I
- Auditing I
- Business Law I and II
- Written communications.
- Finite Math or Applied Calculus

\*\*Required preparation courses may be waived on a course-by-course basis with appropriate academic preparation.

## Degree Requirements

### I. Business Core Courses (6 Hours)

Select **two** of the following courses:

- Managerial Economics and Forecasting (3)
- Financial Management (3)
- Operations Mgmt: Strat. & Techniques (3)
- Organizational Behavior in Global Context (3)
- International Business (3)
- Strategic Marketing (3)

### II. Accounting Core Courses (12 Hours)

- Sem. in Financial Acct. Theory & Practice (3)
- Advanced Taxation of Individuals (3)
- Acct Information Technology & Systems (3)
- Seminar in Auditing Standards & App (3)

### III. Accounting Selective Courses (6 Hours)

Select **two** of the following courses:

- Federal Income Taxation of Partnerships and Corporations (3)
- Governmental and Nonprofit Accounting (3)
- Managerial Accounting Theory and Applications (3)
- Advanced Tax Research (3)
- Financial Statement Analysis (3)
- Estate Planning (3)
- Employee Benefits & Retirement Planning (3)

### IV. Career Selectives (6 Hours)

Select 6 hours from approved College of Business courses.

### V. Master's Final Project (3 Hours)

Integrated Perspective on Accounting Issues (3)

## Total – 33 Graduate Hours