ACCOUNTING - M.S.A.

Ambassador Crawford College of Business and Entrepreneurship
Department of Accounting
www.kent.edu/business/accounting

Examples of Possible Careers*

Accountants and auditors
- 4.3% about as fast as the average
- 1,436,100 number of jobs
- $73,560 potential earnings

Financial and investment analysts, financial risk specialists, and financial specialists, all other
- 5.5% faster than the average
- 487,800 number of jobs
- $83,660 potential earnings

Contact Information
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Fully Offered
- Delivery: Fully online

Admission Terms
- Fall
- Spring
- Summer

*Note
Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

Description
The Master of Science in Accounting degree is for students interested in higher-level positions in banking, taxation, insurance or any company with a financial division. More than just focusing on debits and credits, the M.S.A. degree promotes critical thinking, hands-on application of technology, effective communication skills and ethical decision making. Graduates pursue careers in auditing, taxation, fraud investigation, law enforcement, investment banking, management and consulting. The flexible combination of required coursework in accounting and electives from a wide variety of business disciplines provides students with a strong foundation in accounting, as well as an understanding of the practical applications of the discipline across all facets of business.

Graduates of the M.S.A. degree meet the educational requirement to sit for a variety of professional certifications, including becoming a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or Certified Management Accountant (CMA).

1 Please refer to the most recent academic requirements for admission to the CPA exam issued by the Accountancy Board of Ohio.

Accreditation
AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business

Admission Requirements
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum 2.750 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale (effective spring 2023 admission)
- Minimum 3.000 accounting GPA, if applicable
- Official transcript(s)
- GMAT scores ¹ (see note below for waivers)
- Résumé
- Goal statement
- Two letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  - Minimum 550 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  - Minimum 79 TOEFL IBT score (internet-based version)
  - Minimum 77 MELAB score
  - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
  - Minimum 58 PTE score
  - Minimum 110 Duolingo English score

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education website.

¹ Submission of GMAT scores is waived for applicants with a recent (within five years) non-Kent State degree subject to approval by the Department of Accounting.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Analyze, evaluate and report on complex accounting and economic transactions using the accounting framework
2. Apply research and analytical skills to solve accounting problems
3. Given an ethical dilemma in an accounting setting, analyze the issue, apply an ethical framework and develop a resolution
4. Effectively communicate using oral and written communication skills in a business setting
5. Assemble, cleanse and analyze the information provided by information systems, and prepare summary reports useful for business decision-making

Professional Licensure Disclosure
This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements.
requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State’s website for professional licensure disclosure.

**Program Requirements**

**Major Requirements**

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<td>ACCOUNTING DATA ANALYTICS ¹</td>
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<td>INCOME TAXATION II - ENTITY TAXATION ¹</td>
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¹ Students who successfully completed ACCT 43009, ACCT 43013, ACCT 43020, ACCT 43033 and ACCT 43043 as a Kent State accounting undergraduate (or completed comparable classes in another accounting undergraduate program) will not take the required comparable graduate courses (ACCT 53009, ACCT 53013, ACCT 53020, ACCT 53033 and ACCT 53043) for the M.S.A. degree. Rather, they will work with their advisor to select a graduate accounting elective as a substitution for those courses.

² Non-accounting electives must be selected in consultation with the M.S.A. program coordinator.

**Graduation Requirements**

- Additional coursework may be required for the M.S.A. degree if the student does not have an undergraduate degree in accounting.
- ACCT 63092 cannot be used to satisfy any requirement for the M.S.A. degree.