

The MSBA Accounting Degree consists of ten graduate level courses. The degree can be completed in 9-21 months, depending on factors such as being offered a busy-season (spring semester) internship.

The following suggested course pathways are recommended based on a traditional starting date (fall semester), completion date (21 months), and undertaking a busy-season internship. Students can deviate from the suggested pathways depending on their personal timeline and experiences. Refer to the Degree Requirements template for a complete listing of courses and times offered.

### Financial Track

Required courses are highlighted in blue.

<i>Most likely sequence for degree plan that includes a busy-season internship</i>	<i>Course number and name</i>
<b>First semester (FALL)</b> Three courses	<b>ACCT 5620 Auditing &amp; Assurance</b> <b>ACCT 5240 Advanced Financial Accounting</b> <b>ACCT 5700 International Financial Reporting</b>
<b>Second semester (SPRING)</b> Assuming a busy-season (January – March) internship: Two courses	<b>ACCT 5450 Taxation of Business Entities</b> ACCT 5828 Accounting Information Systems for Auditors  NOTE: these two courses are compressed to the month of April
<b>Third semester (FALL)</b> Students select two electives from those listed	ACCT 5250 Financial Statement Analysis ACCT 5540 Accounting Information Systems ACCT 5820 Oil & Gas Reporting ACCT 5827 Integrated Reporting for Socially Responsible Strategies
<b>Fourth semester (SPRING)</b> Three courses	<b>ACCT 6620 Advanced Auditing: Business Risk &amp; Decision Analysis</b> <b>ACCT 6350 Capstone covering Accounting Ethics</b> <b>BSLW 5120 Advanced Business Law</b>

### Tax Track

Required courses are highlighted in green.

<i>Most likely sequence for degree plan that includes a busy-season internship</i>	<i>Course number and name</i>
<b>First semester (FALL)</b> Three courses	<b>ACCT 5620 Auditing &amp; Assurance</b> <b>ACCT 6420 Research and Writing in Income Taxation</b> <b>ACCT 6700 Income Taxation (Law School)</b>
<b>Second semester (SPRING)</b> Assuming a busy-season (January – March) internship: Two courses	<b>ACCT 5450 Taxation of Business Entities</b> ACCT 5828 Accounting Information Systems for Auditors  NOTE: these two courses are compressed to the month of April
<b>Third semester (FALL)</b> Two courses	<b>ACCT 6430 Taxation of Partnerships (Law School)</b> <b>ACCT 6450 Taxation of Corporations (Law School)</b>
<b>Fourth semester (SPRING)</b> Three courses	<b>ACCT 6620 Advanced Auditing: Business Risk &amp; Decision Analysis</b> <b>ACCT 6350 Capstone covering Accounting Ethics</b> <b>BSLW 5120 Advanced Business Law</b>

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### Prerequisite Courses

Four intermediate level accounting courses must be completed before starting the master's level accounting courses.

- Corporate Financial Reporting I (Intermediate Accounting I)
- Corporate Financial Reporting II (Intermediate Accounting II)
- Cost Management or Cost Accounting
- Principles of Income Taxation

### Applicants with an Undergraduate Degree in Accounting

Applicants who have received an undergraduate degree in accounting should double-check to make sure that they have taken the four intermediate level accounting courses listed above.

MSBA Accounting applicants with an undergraduate degree in accounting should seek a waiver for accounting courses taken at the undergraduate level that are substantially similar to the required graduate level courses for the MSBA Accounting degree. If a waiver is granted, the student can complete the ten-course degree requirement by substituting graduate level accounting electives for courses completed at the undergraduate level.

### Applicants with a Non-Business Undergraduate Degree

In addition to completing the four intermediate level accounting courses listed above, these applicants must complete introductory courses in the following topics before they can begin the MSBA Accounting program:

- Statistics
- Finance
- Microeconomics

### Additional Information

For additional information, please visit our website at:

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