

# ACCOUNTING, MS

Banner Code: BC-MS-ACCT

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## Administration

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The Master of Science in Accounting integrates fundamental business skills and specialized knowledge and acumen required by the accounting profession. Courses can be pursued face-to-face or online.

## Admissions & Policies

### Admissions

Full eligibility and admission requirements can be viewed on the Costello College of Business website (<https://business.gmu.edu/programs/graduate/admissions/>).

### Policies

For additional policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>).

All students registering for Costello College of Business graduate courses must have graduate standing. Non-degree student status is not available.

Graduate-level courses offered by the Costello College of Business cannot be audited.

## Requirements

### Degree Requirements

Total credits: 30

#### Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
ACCT 633	Advanced Issues in Financial Reporting	3
ACCT 636	Fraud Examination	3
ACCT 651	Advanced Issues in Taxation	3
ACCT 661	Advanced Accounting Analytics I	3
ACCT 795	Global Accounting Environment	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

#### Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select 15 credits of electives from any 600- or 700-level ACCT course ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/acct/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/acct/</a> ) <sup>1</sup>		15
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

<sup>1</sup> Electives cannot duplicate coursework taken as an undergraduate

## Accelerated Master's

### Accounting, BS or Business, BS (Concentration in Accounting)/ Accounting, Accelerated MS

#### Overview

The Bachelor's Accelerated Master's "BAM" pathway will provide the opportunity for Mason Accounting major and concentration students to further their education by offering a specialized accelerated program that helps them develop the fundamental business skills and specialized knowledge and acumen acquired by the accounting profession.

Mason Accounting major and concentration students may be admitted to the bachelor's/accelerated master's program (BAM) and obtain both Accounting, BS or Business, BS with a Concentration in Accounting and a MS in Accounting degrees in an accelerated time-frame after satisfactory completion of a minimum of 138 credits.

See AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degree (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>) for policies related to this program.

Students in an accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the master's degree. For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#text>)

#### BAM-MS Accounting Pathway Admission Requirements

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions Policies and Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degree policies. For information specific to this accelerated master's program, see the C (<https://business.gmu.edu/masters-in-accounting/msa-accelerated/>) Costello College of Business (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/business/business-bs/#acceleratedtext>) website with other requirements.

Students will be considered for admission into the BAM pathway after completion of a minimum of 60 credits and additional unit-specific criteria.

Students who are accepted into the BAM pathway will be allowed to register for graduate-level courses after successful completion of a minimum of 75 undergraduate credits and course-specific pre-requisites.

Students already admitted in the BAM pathway will be admitted to the MS in Accounting program, if they have met the unit-specific criteria, found here (<https://business.gmu.edu/programs/graduate/admissions/>) and as verified on the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition form.

#### Accelerated Master's Admission Requirements

Students already admitted in the BAM pathway will be admitted to the MS in Accounting program if they have met the unit-specific criteria, found here (<https://business.gmu.edu/programs/graduate/>)

admissions/) and as verified on the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition form.

## BAM-MS Accounting Pathway Requirements

To maintain the integrity and quality of both the undergraduate and graduate degree programs, undergraduate students interested in taking graduate courses must choose from the following:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Advanced Standing courses (up to 12 credits; grade of B- or better required)</b>		
ACCT 630	Advanced Financial Accounting	
ACCT 633	Advanced Issues in Financial Reporting	
ACCT 651	Advanced Issues in Taxation	
ACCT 670	International Accounting	
<b>Reserve Credit courses (up to 6 credits):</b>		
ACCT 611	Advanced Issues in Managerial Accounting <sup>1</sup>	
ACCT 621	GovCon Acquisition Regulations and Reporting <sup>1</sup>	
ACCT 636	Fraud Examination <sup>1</sup>	
ACCT 661	Advanced Accounting Analytics I <sup>1</sup>	
ACCT 665	Advanced Accounting Analytics II <sup>1</sup>	
ACCT 672	Governmental and Nonprofit Accounting <sup>1</sup>	
ACCT 673	Advanced Accounting Information Systems <sup>1</sup>	

<sup>1</sup> Denotes the course applies to the graduate certificate

For more detailed information on coursework and timeline requirements, see AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degree policies. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>)

## Dual Degree Options

## Accounting, MS and Business Analytics, MS Dual Degree

### Admissions

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### Policies

For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>).

Graduate level courses offered by the Costello College of Business cannot be audited.

### Requirements

Total credits: 48

### Accounting Courses

Code	Title	Credits
ACCT 633	Advanced Issues in Financial Reporting	3
ACCT 636	Fraud Examination	3
ACCT 651	Advanced Issues in Taxation	3
ACCT 661	Advanced Accounting Analytics I	3
ACCT 673	Advanced Accounting Information Systems	3
ACCT 795	Global Accounting Environment	3

### Business Analytics Courses

Code	Title	Credits
MSBA 618	Programming for Business Analytics	3
MSBA 625	Exploratory Data Analysis and Visualization	3
MSBA 738	Data Mining for Business Analytics	3
MSBA 757	Prescriptive Analytics	3
MSBA 795	Business Analytics Applied Capstone	3
MSBA Elective 3 Credits		3

### Shared Courses

Code	Title	Credits
MSBA 610	Essentials for Business Analytics: From Data Ethics to Data Driven Decision-making <sup>1</sup>	3
MSBA 615	Database Management for Business Analytics <sup>1</sup>	3
ACCT 665	Advanced Accounting Analytics II <sup>2</sup>	3
ACCT 771	Audit Analytics <sup>2</sup>	3

<sup>1</sup> Counts as a general elective for the Accounting, MS.

<sup>2</sup> Counts as a restricted elective for the Business Analytics, MS.