

ACCOUNTING UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Banner Code: BU-CERB-ACCT

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This program provides an opportunity for nondegree-seeking students to earn the academic credit necessary to sit for the Uniform CPA Examination in Virginia.

This undergraduate certificate may be pursued on a part-time basis. Maintaining full-time status is not guaranteed. Students have four years to complete the certificate.

This certificate program qualifies for Title IV Federal Financial Aid. For more information about program graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our disclosure page. (<https://irr2.gmu.edu/gedt/Accounting/Gedt.html>)

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

The requirement for enrollment is a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university.

Policies

Certificate Completion

Students are required to complete a minimum of 30 credits of accounting courses. At least 16 required credits must be taken at Mason after acceptance to the certificate program. Students have four years to complete certificate requirements. Students who are given permission to re-enroll following an absence from Mason may not count the four-year time limit as beginning on the date of re-enrollment.

Successful completion of the certificate program requires a grade of C or better in accounting courses and a GPA of at least 2.00 in all courses. Students are only permitted three attempts to pass each course with a C or better, following a third unsuccessful attempt the student will no longer be able pursue the certificate program.

Virginia Uniform CPA Examination

All students who wish to sit for the Uniform CPA Examination in Virginia are required to have completed 150 college-level credits, including at least 30 credits of accounting with courses in financial accounting, auditing, taxation, and management accounting; and at least 24 credits of non-accounting business courses.

Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 30

This certificate may be pursued on a part-time basis only.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
ACCT 203	Survey of Accounting	3
ACCT 330	Financial Accounting I	3
ACCT 311	Managerial and Cost Accounting	3
ACCT 331	Financial Accounting II	3
ACCT 332	Financial Accounting III	3
ACCT 351	Taxation and Managerial Decision Making	3
ACCT 361	Accounting Analytics	3
ACCT 461	Assurance and Audit Services	3
Total Credits		24

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select 6 credits from the following:		6
ACCT 370	International Accounting	
ACCT 372	Financial Statement Analysis	
ACCT 411	Advanced Managerial Accounting	
ACCT 433	Advanced Financial Accounting	
ACCT 451	Advanced Federal Taxation	
ACCT 462	Honors Seminar in Accounting	
ACCT 472	Government and Not-for-Profit Accounting	
ACCT 491	Seminar in Accounting	
ACCT 492	Internship in Accounting	
ACCT 499	Independent Study	
FNAN 303	Financial Management	
BULE 402	Commercial Law	
Total Credits		6

Notes

Students with a previous degree in business or accounting are advised to take School of Business courses above the 303 level to complete the 16 Mason credits needed after acceptance to the certificate program.

Students who have not previously studied business are advised to take the following recommended courses:

Code	Title	Credits
BULE 303	Legal Environment of Business	3
BULE 402	Commercial Law	3
BUS 210	Business Analytics I	3
BUS 310	Business Analytics II	3
FNAN 341	Introduction to Firm Valuation	3
MIS 303	Introduction to Business Information Systems (Mason Core)	3