FORENSIC ACCOUNTING GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Banner Code: BU-CERG-FACC

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The 12-credit Graduate Certificate in Forensic Accounting provides an opportunity for students to acquire education in the emerging field of forensic accounting. Students with a bachelor’s degree in accounting can also use the certificate as a means of obtaining the necessary 150 hours of academic credit to qualify to sit for the Virginia CPA exam.

The Forensic Accounting Graduate Certificate may be pursued on a part-time basis. Maintaining full-time status is not guaranteed.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Eligibility Requirements

All students registering for School of Business graduate courses must have graduate standing. Non-degree student status is not available. Full eligibility and admission requirements can be viewed at the school’s website (http://business.gmu.edu/masters-in-accounting/forensic-accounting).

Policies

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP.6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates.

Students are responsible for familiarization and compliance with the university’s Graduate Policies contained in this catalog. A maximum of 3 graduate credits taken at another institution can be transferred to the graduate certificate. The time limit for completion is four years from the date of admission to the graduate certificate. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 to complete the certificate.

Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 12

Required Courses

ACCT 737 Fraud and the Law 3
ACCT 738 Advanced Topics in Fraud 3
ACCT 636 Fraud Examination 3
or CFRS 770 Fraud and Forensics in Accounting

Total Credits 9

Elective

Select 3 credits from the following:

ACCT 701 Business Valuation
ACCT 742 Corporate Governance and Ethics
CFRS 500 Introduction to Forensic Technology and Analysis

Students in the MS in Accounting (MSA) program are required to take ACCT 636 Fraud Examination and can take ACCT 701 Business Valuation, ACCT 737 Fraud and the Law and ACCT 738 Advanced Topics in Fraud as electives.