

## Program Overview

The Master of Accountancy (M.Acy.) degree with a major in Accounting is designed to broaden the educational experience of individuals preparing for a career in the public accounting profession. Students explore the social, ethical, and environmental effects of accounting information on those who rely on it for their decision making needs. The M.Acy. program can be used to satisfy the 150-hour education requirement for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) license in Texas.

## Application Requirements

The items listed below are required for admission consideration for applicable semesters of entry during the current academic year. Submission instructions, additional details, and changes to admission requirements for semesters other than the current academic year can be found on The Graduate College's website (<http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu>). International students should review the International Admission Documents page (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/admission-documents/international/>) for additional requirements.

- completed online application
- \$55 nonrefundable application fee
- or
- \$90 nonrefundable application fee for applications with international credentials
- baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited university (Non-U.S. degrees must be equivalent to a four-year U.S. Bachelor's degree. In most cases, three-year degrees are not considered. Visit our International FAQs (<https://www.gradcollege.txst.edu/international/faqs.html>) for more information.)
- official transcripts from **each institution** where course credit was granted
- an overall competitive GPA or a competitive GPA in the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work (plus any completed graduate courses)
- **Before applying** to the program, applicants must have completed either: a minimum of ACC 3305 and ACC 3313 with a grade of "B" or better and at least 6 additional hours of upper level accounting courses from the following for a total of 12 upper level accounting hours: ACC 3314, ACC 3323, ACC 3365, ACC 3385, ACC 4313, ACC 3308 OR, a minimum of ACC 3313 and ACC 3314 with a grade of "B" or better and at least 6 additional hours of upper level accounting courses from the following for a total of 12 upper level accounting hours: ACC 3323, ACC 3365, ACC 3385, ACC 4313, ACC 3308.
- Texas State accounting majors with at least an overall 3.2 GPA and a 3.4 GPA in upper-level accounting courses and who earn an "A" **the first time taking** ACC 3313 and a "B" or better in one additional upper level accounting course may apply to the program before completing additional upper level accounting courses.
- **Fall 2024:** official GMAT/GRE (general test only) not required for applicants with an overall 3.5 GPA or a 3.5 GPA in your last-60-hours of undergraduate course work. If the last-60-hours GPA falls below the minimum requirement, the official GMAT or GRE (general test only) with competitive scores will be required in order to be considered. The Graduate College will notify applicants via email should this occur.

- **Fall 2024:** The GRE or GMAT requirement may be waived for Texas State accounting undergraduate students who:
  - provided at least two forms of recommendation from Texas State faculty
  - earned a minimum of a 3.0 GPA or higher in upper-level accounting courses taken at Texas State University
  - earned an overall 3.2 GPA or a 3.2 GPA in the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work.
- **Spring 2025 and beyond:** GMAT/GRE not required
- resume/CV detailing work experience, extracurricular and community activities, and honors and achievements
- two forms of recommendation from persons best able to assess the student's ability to succeed in graduate school
- responses to specific essay questions
- An essay waiver may be available for Texas State accounting undergraduate applicants who have:
  - provided at least two reference forms from Texas State faculty
  - earned a minimum of a 3.0 GPA or higher in upper-level accounting courses, and
  - earned a minimum of 3.2 GPA or higher in the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work, and

### Approved English Proficiency Exam Scores

Applicants are required to submit an approved English proficiency exam score that meets the minimum program requirements below unless they have earned a bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited U.S. institution or the equivalent from a country on our exempt countries list (<http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/international/language.html#waveir>).

- official TOEFL iBT scores required with a 78 overall and minimum individual module scores of
  - 19 listening
  - 19 reading
  - 19 speaking
  - 18 writing
- official PTE scores required with 52 overall
- official IELTS (academic) scores required with a 6.5 overall and minimum individual module scores of 6.0
- official Duolingo scores with a 110 overall
- official TOEFL Essentials scores with an 8.5 overall

This program does **not** offer admission if the scores above are not met.

## Degree Requirements

The Master of Accountancy (M.Acy.) degree with a major in Accounting concentration in Auditing requires 30 semester credit hours. Students must complete a comprehensive examination at the end of the program to satisfy university requirements. Students who do not have the appropriate background course work may be required to complete leveling or prerequisite courses.

Any student enrolled in a graduate degree program in the McCoy College of Business Administration can earn no more than two grades of "C" or lower. Even if the grade of "C" or lower was replaced with a higher grade as a result of repeating the course, the original grade counts as a "strike" under this policy. Upon earning the third "C" (or lower), the student is automatically placed on academic suspension and

permanently dismissed from their degree program without any possibility of readmission to their program or another degree program in McCoy College. The 3 "C" Policy takes precedent over probationary status. So, if a student earns a third "C" they are automatically dismissed from their program permanently, even if probation does not occur.

## Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
ACC 5320	Auditing	3
ACC 5323	Accounting Data Analytics	3
ACC 5350	Professional Accounting Research	3
ACC 5355	IT Auditing	3
ACC 5366	Business Entity Taxation	3
ACC 5680	Internship in Accounting <sup>1</sup>	6
ACC 5389	Corporate Governance and Ethics	3
<b>Electives</b>		
Choose 6 hours from the following:		6
Choose an additional 3-6 hours if not completing ACC 5680 internship <sup>1</sup>		
ACC 5316	Advanced Accounting	
ACC 5352	Financial Statement Reporting and Analysis	
ACC 5357	Regulation and Professionalism	
ACC 5362	Cost and Managerial Accounting Theory	
ACC 5369	Special Studies in Accounting	
ACC 5370	Internship in Accounting	
ACC 5373	Fraud Examination	
ACC 5375	Business Information Consulting	
ACC 5378	Tax Practice, Procedures, Audits and Controversy	
ACC 5390A	International Accounting	
ACC 5390G	Sustainability Reporting	
BLAW 5310	The Employment Relationship	
BLAW 5333	Legal Issues of Sustainability and Responsibility	
ISAN 5355	Database Management Systems	
ISAN 5358	Agile Project Management For Business Professionals	
ISAN 5360	E-Commerce: Strategies, Technologies, and Applications	
ISAN 5364	Data Warehousing	
ISAN 5368	Information Security	
ISAN 5370	Enterprise Resource Planning and Business Intelligence	
ISAN 5371	Accounting Information Systems and Controls	
ECO 5310	International Economics	
ECO 5320	Emerging Market Economies	
FIN 5322	Investment Analysis	
FIN 5332	Portfolio Theory and Capital Markets	
FIN 5338	International Investments and Financial Management	
FIN 5347C	Real Estate Investment	
MGT 5310	Organizational Change Management	
MGT 5311	Process Improvement Management in Organizations	
MGT 5312	Seminar in Management	

MGT 5315	New Venture Management	
MGT 5318	Cross-Cultural Management	
MGT 5321	Supply Chain Management	
MGT 5325	Managing Business Creativity	
MGT 5330	Seminar in Human Resource Management	
MGT 5335	New Venture Launch	
MGT 5390	Managerial Data Analysis	
MGT 5391	Managing the Communication Process	
MGT 5395	Graduate Business Internship	
MKT 5322	Marketing Research Methods	
MKT 5330	International Marketing	
MKT 5331	Integrated Marketing Communications	
MKT 5335	Services Marketing	
MKT 5395	Independent Study in Marketing	
ANLY 5332	Optimization for Business Analytics	
ANLY 5334	Statistical Methods for Business	
ANLY 5335	Forecasting and Simulation	
ANLY 5336	Analytics	
ANLY 5390	Topics in Data Analytics	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students who do not complete an audit internship must take ACC 5373 and one additional business or accounting elective. Students who complete a three-hour internship must take one additional business or accounting elective.

## Leveling Courses

Students who do not have the appropriate background course work may be required to complete leveling or prerequisite courses.

Code	Title	Hours
ACC 2361	Introduction to Financial Accounting	3
ACC 2362	Introduction to Managerial Accounting	3
ACC 3305	Financial Accounting and Reporting	3
ACC 3308	Survey of Income Tax	3
ACC 3313	Intermediate Accounting I	3
ACC 3314	Intermediate Accounting II	3
ACC 3385	Accounting Systems	3
ACC 4313	Auditing and Internal Controls	3

## Courses for CPA Eligibility

All graduates will have the 27 upper-level accounting hours and ethics course required become a licensed CPA in Texas; however, graduates may still need 24 hours of related business course work. To be eligible to sit for the CPA exam in Texas, the candidate must have 24 hours of upper level business courses. The 24 hours may be completed at a community college or university, at the undergraduate or graduate level. There is a limit of 6 hours in any one area (i.e., management, economics, business law, etc.). Additionally, business statistics and communication may be used to meet this requirement. For further information, please consult with the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy <http://www.tsbpa.state.tx.us/>.

## Comprehensive Examination Requirement

The MAcy program requires satisfactory completion of a comprehensive portfolio that documents abilities acquired during the program. These abilities include: analytical and critical thinking skills to apply accounting knowledge; use of information technology, data analytics, and other analytical methods to evaluate accounting issues, form judgments, and communicate; and conceptualizing a complex issue into a coherent, informative, and persuasive written or oral statement. The portfolio is evaluated in its entirety and no partial credit is given. Detailed instructions and requirements for completing the portfolio are available on the MAcy Canvas site. Students who do not successfully complete the portfolio within the required timeline will be dismissed from the program.

Master's level courses in Accounting: ACC

## Courses Offered

### Accounting (ACC)

#### ACC 5315. Selected Topics in Financial Accounting.

The study of specialized financial accounting topics, existing and prospective, necessary for an advanced understanding of financial reporting. Topics include: pensions and post-retirement benefits, deferred taxes, derivatives, share-based payments, interim and segment reporting and emerging issues of the Emerging Issues Task Force. Prerequisite: ACC 3314 with a grade of "B" or better.

**3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

#### ACC 5316. Advanced Accounting.

A study of accounting for business combinations and consolidated financial statements. Additional selected topics may include accounting for multinational operations, interim reporting, SEC reporting, partnership and governmental and not-for-profit accounting. Prerequisite: ACC 3313 with a grade of "B" or better.

**3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

#### ACC 5320. Auditing.

A study of the underlying theory of external financial auditing including professional ethics, auditing standards and procedures, and the role of auditor's judgment. (Suggested for CPA eligibility). Prerequisite: ACC 4313 with a grade of "B" or better. Corequisite: ACC 3314 with a grade of "B" or better.

**3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

#### ACC 5323. Accounting Data Analytics.

This course introduces students to the process of making decisions using data-driven techniques. Specifically, this course emphasizes question formulation, hypothesis development, data analysis, model building, and model testing using business case studies. Prerequisite: ACC 3313 with a grade of "C" or better.

**3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

#### ACC 5340. Individual Income Tax.

A study of the tax concepts and issues involved in an individual's employment and personal life, and in sole proprietorships, property transactions, tax administration and tax practice. Regulatory and ethical issues are incorporated into the discussion. This course may not count as an elective in any master's program in the McCoy College of Business. Prerequisite: ACC 3313 with a grade of "B" or better.

**3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

#### ACC 5350. Professional Accounting Research.

This course provides a study of the sources of authoritative standards in financial accounting. The course develops procedures for identifying the applicable accounting issues, locating appropriate authority, and communicating the results of professional research. Corequisite: ACC 3314 with a grade of "B" or better.

**3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

#### ACC 5352. Financial Statement Reporting and Analysis.

A study of financial statement reporting and analysis. Use of tools and skills will be used to analyze and interpret financial reports for assessing financial performance of firms to facilitate investment, lending, and other financial decisions in a variety of business contexts. Prerequisite: ACC 3305 or ACC 5361 either with a grade of "B" or better.

**3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

#### ACC 5355. IT Auditing.

A study of the IT audit: The process of collecting and evaluating evidence of IT system practices and operations. The course develops understanding of the procedures to test whether the systems are safeguarding assets, maintaining data security and operating effectively and efficiently. Prerequisite: ACC 3305 with a grade of "B" or better.

**3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

#### ACC 5357. Regulation and Professionalism.

This course will cover the professional and legal responsibilities and liabilities of the accounting profession and tax preparers; the commercial law applicable to business transactions; and the legal structure of business organizations. It will also provide a basic overview of corporate and partnership taxation, focusing on current topics and developments. Prerequisites: ACC 3313 and [ACC 4328 or ACC 3308] both with a grade of "B" or better.

**3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**ACC 5361. Accounting Analysis for Managerial Decision Making.**

Use of accounting information for improving managerial decision making. Emphasis is on understanding the practice of business management, budgeting, cost behavior, and operational, internal, and management control. Prerequisite: B A 5352 with a grade of "C" or better.

**3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**ACC 5362. Cost and Managerial Accounting Theory.**

A study of recent developments and topics in the area of cost and managerial accounting. Includes a discussion of quantitative techniques and their applicability to accounting problems. Prerequisites: ACC 3365 or ACC 5361 either with a grade of "B" or better.

**3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**ACC 5366. Business Entity Taxation.**

Federal income tax provisions affecting business decisions, with an emphasis on C Corporations, Limited Liability Companies, and Partnerships. An introduction to the choice, formation, organization, operation and distribution rules of the preceding business entities. Prerequisite: ACC 3313 and [ACC 4328 or ACC 3308] both with grades of "B" or better.

**3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**ACC 5369. Special Studies in Accounting.**

Directed study and research on selected accounting topics, including the development of accounting thought and research in; advanced tax topics, international accounting, professional ethics and managerial and financial accounting. Courses will be offered as independent instruction. Prerequisite: Instructor approval.

**3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

**Course Attribute(s):** Exclude from 3-peat Processing

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**ACC 5370. Internship in Accounting.**

Experiential learning during which the students work in accounting. This work experience may be in public, industry, or governmental accounting units. The student is immersed in a variety of intensive work assignments with increasing levels of responsibility. Students taking ACC 5370 for credit may not take ACC 5680 for credit. Prerequisite: Instructor approval.

**3 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 20 Lab Contact Hours.**

**Course Attribute(s):** Exclude from 3-peat Processing

**Grade Mode:** Credit/No Credit

**ACC 5372. Tax Research.**

An examination of the sources of tax authority, which include its primary sources (legislative, judicial, and administrative), as well as secondary sources. The course also develops procedures for identifying the applicable tax issues, locating appropriate tax authority, and communicating the results of tax research. Prerequisite: ACC 4328 or ACC 3308 with a grade of "B" or better. Corequisite: ACC 3314 with a grade of "B" or better.

**3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**ACC 5373. Fraud Examination.**

An introduction to the theory and techniques used to prevent, detect, and solve occupational and financial fraud and corruption schemes. Includes forensic accounting procedures, interviewing techniques, rules of evidence, documentary evidence gathering, report writing and other aspects of litigation support. Prerequisite: ACC 3305 or ACC 3313 with a grade of "B" or better.

**3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**ACC 5375. Business Information Consulting.**

Integrative capstone for the MSAIT program using principles and concepts applied through the analysis and presentation of case studies dealing with current issues or emerging trends in the fields of accounting and information technology for the accounting professionals serving as consultants. Prerequisite: ACC 3305 with a "B" or better.

**3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**ACC 5377. Partnership Taxation.**

A comprehensive study of the tax implications of conducting a business as a partnership or as a limited liability company. Life-cycle analysis and tax planning considerations are emphasized. Prerequisite: ACC 4328 or ACC 3308 or ACC 5366 with a grade of "B" or better.

**3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**ACC 5378. Tax Practice, Procedures, Audits and Controversy.**

This course focuses on the procedural aspects of tax planning and tax return preparation. Coverage includes IRS enforcement tools and corresponding taxpayer rights, audits and appeals, civil and criminal penalties, and statutory relief provisions. Professional standards and ethical considerations in tax practice are emphasized. Prerequisites: ACC 3314 and [ACC 4328 or ACC 3308] both with a grade of "B" or better.

**3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**ACC 5389. Corporate Governance and Ethics.**

A study of the corporate governance and ethical issues in accounting, including ethical reasoning, integrity, objectivity, independence, core values and professional issues. Prerequisite: ACC 3313 with a grade of "B" or better. Corequisite: ACC 4313 with a grade of "C" or better.

**3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**ACC 5390A. International Accounting.**

A study of the impact of international business activity on accounting standard setting. This course investigates the development of international accounting standards and compares those standards to US standards. Students taking ACC 4390A for credit may not take ACC 5390A for credit. (MULT) Prerequisite: ACC 3313 with a grade of "B" or better.

**3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

**Course Attribute(s):** Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Multicultural Content|Topics

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**ACC 5390G. Sustainability Reporting.**

This course on sustainability reporting strategies will examine analytical methods and reporting techniques used by for-profit and non-profit companies to support sustainable operations.

**3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

**Course Attribute(s):** Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Topics

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**ACC 5390L. Exploring Accounting Oversight in Washington, D.C..**

This course offers an immersive learning experience in Washington, D.C. The course bridges classroom theory with real-world practice, providing a holistic understanding of the regulatory landscape through exploration of the key institutions shaping the accounting profession. The core of the course consists of guided visits to these institutions. Prerequisite: ACC 4313 with a grade of "C" or better.

**3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

**Course Attribute(s):** Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Topics

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**ACC 5680. Internship in Accounting.**

This internship involves experiential learning over one entire semester during which the students work in accounting. This work experience may be in public, industry, or governmental accounting units. The student is immersed in a variety of intensive work assignments with increasing levels of responsibility. Students taking ACC 5370 for credit may not take ACC 5680 for credit. Prerequisite: Instructor approval.

**6 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 40 Lab Contact Hours.**

**Grade Mode:** Credit/No Credit