

ACCOUNTANCY

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Are you considering a career as a CPA or are you looking for advancement in your current position?

There is an increasing demand for accountants which can be attributed to four primary factors: sector growth, improvement in the national and regional economy, the retirement of CPAs and an increasingly complex tax and regulatory environment. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) predicts a 10% growth in the employment of accountants and auditors between 2016 and 2026. This is a greater rate of growth compared to many other occupations. According to U.S. News & World Report, accountants rank #7 in best business jobs, making the profession attractive to students. Accounting Today reports that there are 42,000 CPA firms in the nation, and over 664,000 licensed and active CPAs. Another positive factor is that the median pay in 2017 was \$69,350 per year (BLS, 2018). For accountants with a master's degree, the typical salary falls in the range of \$52,000 to \$135,000.

The Pennsylvania State Board of Accountancy requires that CPA candidates hold a bachelor's degree, at a minimum, and have no fewer than 150 semester hours of formal education with a minimum of 36 credits of coursework in accounting. Slippery Rock University's Master of Accountancy will prepare students to reach the 150-hour education requirement for the certified public accountant (CPA) certification. Students who have a master's degree will need less work experience in order to be licensed as CPAs – 1 year of work experience and a master's degree instead of the 2 year's work experience if candidates have a bachelor's degree and 150 credits.

Accounting undergraduate students will have the opportunity to participate in the 4+1 program and earn a BSBA and Master of Accountancy in 5 years. Students participating in this option may elect to take up to four graduate courses as undergraduates.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Slippery Rock University's Master of Accountancy offers:

- A 30 credit professional degree that can be completed in 12 months (full-time) and 24 months (part-time)
- Flexible enrollment: full-time or part-time (fall, winter, spring, summer)
- There will generally be two 100% online classes each semester (fall and spring) as well as two blended classes
- Classes offered in the summer and winter terms are 100% online
- On-site courses are offered at the Regional Learning Alliance (RLA) in Cranberry Township, PA either one or two nights per week depending on part-time or full-time status with an online component (blended)
- Preparation to pass the C.P.A. exam, satisfying the 150-credit requirement of Pennsylvania and other states
- A competitive curriculum for a competitive advantage in the job market



PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS

The SRU Master of Accountancy (MAcc) program requires a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or a Bachelor's degree with any major and completion of the following prerequisite courses prior to the start of the MAcc program:

- Financial Accounting
- Intermediate Accounting I
- Cost Accounting
- Auditing

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CURRICULUM (30 CREDITS)

SRU's Master of Accountancy consists of eight Core courses (24 credits) and two Electives (6 credits), which can be taken in any order.

2019-2020 ONE YEAR - SEQUENCE OF REQUIRED COURSES

FALL TERM (12 credits)	
First Session (8 wks: Aug-Oct) ACCT 628: Financial Statement Analysis (@ RLA) ACCT 620: Forensic Accounting (online)	Second Session (8 wks: Oct-Dec) ACCT 631: Federal Corporate Tax (@ RLA) ECON 619: Quantitative Analysis (online)
SPRING TERM (12 credits)	
First Session (8 wks: Jan-Mar) ACCT 626: Budgeting, Performance Management, and Cost Analysis (@ RLA) ACCT 639: Auditing Systems (online)	Second Session (8 wks: Mar-May) ACCT 630: Risk Analysis and Internal Control (@ RLA) ACCT 629: Accounting Data Analytics (online)
SUMMER TERM (Choose two electives - 6 credits)	
First Session (8 wks: May-June) ACCT 622: Fraud (online) OR ACCT 640: Business Law (online)	Second Session (8 wks: June-July) ACCT 623: Nonprofit/Government Accounting (online) OR MIS 610: Business Analysis and Decision Support (also offered in the Fall term, online)

Note: Courses offered at the RLA during the Fall and Spring terms meet once a week on Monday/Thursday.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

All applicants must submit the following materials along with the completed online graduate application form and non-refundable application fee:

1. Official undergraduate transcript from the applicant's baccalaureate granting institution and any graduate transcripts (if applicable)
2. Bachelor's degree with a 3.0 or higher GPA
3. Two electronic Recommendation Forms
4. Resume'
5. GMAT is required but waived for business related undergraduate degree and a 3.0. Relevant experience will be considered and may be a basis to waive the GMAT.

TUITION AND ASSISTANTSHIPS

Information on current tuition and assistantships can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at www.sru.edu/graduate. Financial Aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office www.sru.edu/FinAid or in the Office of Graduate Admissions.



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