

# ACCOUNTANCY

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING, ECONOMICS, AND FINANCE  
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS



## DELIVERY METHOD

100% Online

## START TERMS

Fall, Spring, or Summer

## COMPLETION TIME

12 months (full-time)  
24 months (part-time)

## NUMBER OF CREDITS

30 credits

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Optional Certificate in Business Analytics



## 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 an 8% growth for accountants from 2021 through 2031. 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. The median pay as of 2021 was \$77,250 annually.

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, spring, summer)
- Classes offered 100% online
- Preparation for the C.P.A. exam, satisfying the 150-credit requirement of Pennsylvania and other states
- Preparation for the Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) test; Certified Management Accountant (CMA) designation; Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) certification
- Optional 12-credit Certificate in Business Analytics
- A comprehensive 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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University

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## CURRICULUM GUIDE (30 CREDITS)

### Required Courses

ACCT 622	Fraud Examination	3
ACCT 626	Budgeting, Performance Management, and Cost Analysis	3
ACCT 628	Financial Statement Analysis	3
ACCT 629	Accounting Data Analytics	3
ACCT 630	Risk Analysis and Internal Control	3
ACCT 631	Federal Corporate Tax *	3
ACCT 639	Auditing Systems	3
ECON 619	Quantitative Analysis	3

### Select two of the following: 6

ACCT 620	Forensic Accounting
ACCT 623	Non-Profit/Government Accounting
ACCT 640	Business Law
CPSC 605	Data Mining and Data Analysis
CPSC 606	Data Visualization
CPSC 623	Database Systems, Modeling and Security
MIS 610	Business Analysis and Decision Support

**Total Hours 30**

\*ACCT 523 from Bloomsburg University may be substituted

### IMPORTANT CURRICULUM GUIDE NOTES

This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should note that the My Rock Audit may place already-earned and/or in progress courses in different, yet valid, curriculum categories. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisers to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. The information on this guide is current as of the date listed. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University.

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## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must submit the following materials along with the completed online graduate application:

- \$25 Application Fee
- Official undergraduate degree transcript(s) and any graduate transcripts
- Bachelor's degree with a 3.0 or higher GPA
- Two electronic recommendation forms
- Resume
- Official GMAT scores may be required for students with a grade point average below 3.0

## TUITION AND ASSISTANTSHIPS

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



## FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS AND COURSE SCHEDULING:

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