

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTANCY

**Web Site:** <https://twu.edu/accounting-finance/graduate-programs/master-of-science-in-accountancy-msa/>

The M.S. in Accountancy prepares students for positions in financial management and in-demand financial professional designations leading to excellent positions in public accounting, corporate accounting, financial planning, small business accounting, governmental accounting, charities, colleges and universities, and hospitals and other medical firms. In addition, the degree provides financial management training for students who want to own and manage their own businesses.

New CPA Exam requirements make it necessary for candidates to choose a specific "discipline" between Taxation, Business Analysis and Reporting, and Information Systems and Controls. The MS in Accounting gives students the opportunity to emphasize one of these areas.

Combined with the BBA Accounting degree, the MS in Accountancy provides all required classwork required for the CPA designation and the CMA designation. Students interested in a professional financial designation should consult with a faculty member in accounting.

## Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/miscellaneous/the60x30-strategic-plan/>) as, "Those skills valued by employers that can be applied in a variety of work settings, including interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skills areas. These skills can be either primary or complementary to a major and are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities."

The M.S. in Accountancy includes important training in financial management, financial reporting, data analysis, analytics, critical thinking, financial planning, and decision-making, all essential skills for managers in today's business world.

## Admissions

All students must meet the University requirements as outlined in the Admission to the TWU Graduate School (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/graduate-school/admission-graduate-school/>) section of the catalog.

The academic program may have additional admission criteria that must also be completed as outlined on the program's website.

## Degree Requirements

### Total Semester Credit Hours Required

30-42 semester credit hours (SCH).

Code	Title	SCHs
<b>Proficiency Courses (may be waived)</b>		<b>0-12</b>
ACCT 5433	Managerial Accounting	
ACCT 5093	Financial Accounting	
ACCT 5033	Cornerstones of Accounting	
ACCT 5023	Intermediate Financial Accounting I	

Required Courses		
ACCT 5123	Advanced Accounting	3
ACCT 5483	Accounting for Management Control	3
ACCT 5473	Financial Statement Analysis	3
ACCT 5563	Accounting Ethics	3
ACCT 5733	Accounting Research	3
<b>Choose one of the following emphasis areas</b>		<b>9</b>
Students may substitute emphasis coursework to customize area focus with permission of advisor.		
Tax Compliance and Planning (Choose three of the following)		
ACCT 5263	Advanced Topics in Taxation	
ACCT 5063	Tax Planning and Compliance	
ACCT 5163	Entity Taxation	
BUS 5953	Internship	
Business Analysis and Reporting (Choose three of the following)		
ACCT 5193	Advanced Accounting Analytics	
ACCT 5893	Contemporary Topics in Accounting	
ACCT 5183	Governmental and Not-for-Profit Accounting	
BUS 5953	Internship	
Auditing, Systems, and Controls (Choose three of the following)		
ACCT 5423	Financial Statement Auditing	
ACCT 5523	Information Systems Audit, Assurance, and Advisory	
ACCT 5623	Internal Auditing	
BUS 5953	Internship	
<b>Other Electives</b>		
Choose six SCH of coursework not previously taken from any of the courses in any emphasis area or from the course(s) below.		6
ACCT 5873	Professional Accountancy	
MGT 5663	Decision Analysis for Managers	
MGT 5683	Business Decision Process	
<b>Total SCHs</b>		<b>30-42</b>