

ACCOUNTANCY, MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)

The Accountancy MBA concentration provides you with coursework that is critical to decision-making in the accounting profession. The program includes theory and concepts, technical knowledge, practical skills and familiarization with the tools and methodologies used by an accountant or a manager making accounting decisions. You will develop skills in critical thinking, problem-solving and financial management. You will gain business acumen to understand financial transactions within a company. The curriculum covers all of the accounting course areas to prepare you to sit for the CPA exam.

Highlights

You will graduate with a set of varied competencies, all of which are highly sought after in the accounting field. The structure of the concentration will provide you with:

- A comprehensive curriculum covering all important sectors of the field identified by top-ranking members of the auditing and accounting profession, including big data analysis, internal audit, fraud and forensic accounting and information systems.
- Opportunities to work with audit systems used by accounting professionals.
- Experience learning from nationally and internationally recognized faculty.
- Access to a large and active alumni group called Ledger & Quill, which supports students with scholarship opportunities, mentorship and annual networking events.
- Several accounting-related student organizations, allowing for interaction with peers, alumni and working professionals.

Concentration Requirements

This concentration requires completion of any three graduate-level accounting courses. Students select an individualized set of courses using the content areas below as a guide. Students may focus on one area of courses or combine courses from multiple areas depending on what matches their career aspirations.

Accounting for Managers

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
ACC 542	COST AND MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING	
ACC 535	PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTING INFORMATION SYSTEMS	
ACC 636	INTERNAL AUDITING, CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL	

Tax

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
ACC 548	TAX TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS AND PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS	

ACC 551	TAX TREATMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS
ACC 558	TAX RESEARCH

Accounting Data Analytics

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
ACC 535	PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTING INFORMATION SYSTEMS	
ACC 639	AUDIT ANALYTICS	
ACC 646	FORENSIC FINANCIAL STATEMENT ANALYSIS AND VALUATION	

Forensic Accounting

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
ACC 635	PRINCIPLES OF FORENSIC ACCOUNTING	
ACC 645	FORENSIC AND INVESTIGATIVE ACCOUNTING	
ACC 646	FORENSIC FINANCIAL STATEMENT ANALYSIS AND VALUATION	

CPA

In addition to ACC 502, a minimum of six graduate courses from below are required to meet the Illinois CPA educational requirements. Students are strongly advised to complete all courses below to become fully prepared to pass the exam.

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
ACC 541	FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING THEORY & PRACTICE I	
ACC 542	COST AND MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING	
ACC 543	FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING THEORY & PRACTICE II	
ACC 547	AUDITING I	
ACC 548	TAX TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS AND PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS	
ACC 640	ACCOUNTING THEORY AND POLICY FORMULATION	

The courses above meet the minimum requirements to qualify. CPA content also includes the following courses which are recommended to be fully prepared for the exam.

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
ACC 535	PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTING INFORMATION SYSTEMS	
ACC 545	ADVANCED TOPICS IN ACCOUNTING THEORY	
ACC 550	AUDITING II	
ACC 551	TAX TREATMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS	
ACC 552	BUSINESS LAW FOR ACCOUNTANTS	