

# Master of Science in Accounting

# College of Business & Public Administration

As an accountant, you are trained to speak the language of business to ensure that the nation's businesses operate efficiently and that business records are kept accurately.

## Outstanding Preparation

A GSU **Master of Science in Accounting** degree points the way to success in a field where qualified professionals are increasingly in demand. As a GSU Accounting student, you acquire technical knowledge, the ability to analyze complex accounting and business issues, and the skills to effectively communicate with all levels of management. You will be expert in preparing, analyzing, and verifying financial documents for clients, as well as providing services ranging from budget analysis to financial planning.

## Unlimited Potential

GSU's seamless graduate degree program is part of a coordinated course of study in accounting that allows students to earn a B.S. and move directly into coursework at the master's level. Students who complete both the B.S. and M.S. at GSU will have met the 150 credit-hour requirement to sit for the CPA exam.

## Fact

Employment of **accountants and auditors** is expected to **increase by 16 percent** between 2010 and 2020

(Source: *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, 2012-2013 edition, U.S. Department of Labor).

## Assurance of Quality

Business accreditation creates the impetus for relevancy and currency of our faculty, programs and courses to best serve our students.



## Learn More!

Take the next step. Contact an academic advisor today.

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## How to Apply

Visit the GSU Office of Admission or  
[www.govst.edu/apply](http://www.govst.edu/apply)

## Admission Requirements

- Graduate Application
- \$50 Application Fee
- Current Resume
- 2 Letters of Recommendation (sealed)
- Statement of Intent
- GRE or GMAT score from last 5 years\*

\* may be waived for applicants who earned a master's degree or obtained an undergraduate GPA of 3.5 or higher (last 60 hours) at a regionally accredited college or university

## Send admission materials in one packet to:

Governors State University  
Office of Admission Processing  
1 University Parkway  
University Park, IL 60484

## International Students

For more information and additional admission requirements: [www.govst.edu/ois](http://www.govst.edu/ois)

## Prerequisite Competencies

Grade "B" or higher required:

1. Written communications and college algebra.
2. Calculus
3. MIS collegial proficiency exams  
Students who passed the MIS undergraduate competency exams within the previous three years with 80% or higher will only be required to pass the remaining one exam with 80% or higher.

## Required Preparation

Grade "B" or higher required:

- Financial Accounting
- Managerial Accounting
- Cost Accounting I
- Intermediate Accounting I and II
- Accounting Information Systems
- Tax I
- Auditing I
- Business Law I and II

## Degree Requirements

### I. Business Core Courses (6 Hours)

Select **two** of the following courses:

- Managerial Economics and Forecasting (3)
- Financial Management (3)
- Operations Mgmt: Strat. & Techniques (3)
- Organizational Behavior in Global Context (3)
- International Business (3)
- Strategic Marketing (3)

### II. Accounting Core Courses (12 Hours)

- Sem. in Financial Acct Theory & Practice (3)
- Advanced Taxation of Individuals (3)
- Acct Information Technology & Systems (3)
- Seminar in Auditing Standards & App (3)

### III. Accounting Selective Courses (6 Hours)

Select **two** of the following courses:

- Federal Income Taxation of Partnerships and Corporations (3)
- Governmental and Nonprofit Accounting (3)
- Managerial Accounting Theory and Applications (3)
- Advanced Tax Research (3)
- Financial Statement Analysis (3)
- Estate Planning (3)
- Employee Benefits & Retirement Planning (3)

### IV. Career Selectives (6 Hours)

Select 6 hours from CBPA courses numbered 7000 or above.

### V. Master's Final Project (3 Hours)

Integrated Perspective on Accounting Issues (3)

**TOTAL - 33 Graduate Hours**

