

A letter from the Director of the MAcc Program:

Welcome back to your third year with the NGCOB at A-State! By now, you have already achieved some expertise in the field of accounting. I want to take a moment to share some information with you about our MAcc + Data Analytics program, which will take your skills in this field to the next level and prepare you for more advanced roles in the accounting world. This program will not only help you do well on the CPA exams, but also expose you to a wide range of career paths. It also helps you stand out from those with just a bachelor's degree and gives you a significant advantage in a competitive job market. The technology skills that you learn in this program are also transferable to many different fields.

What is the MAcc about?

The Arkansas State University Master of Accountancy (MAcc) with Data Analytics is a professional degree program designed to prepare students for careers in accounting and related fields. This program prepares students for advancement beyond entry-level positions in accounting, auditing, taxation, and data analytics and provides an excellent avenue to obtaining the 150 credit hours required to earn a CPA license.

We:

- are an AACSB-accredited college
- a STEM-designated professional degree program
- do not require the GMAT or the GRE for admission
- are fully aligned and up-to-date with the CPA Evolution Initiative
- are one of the most cost-effective campuses in the United States
- have students placed at Big 4/national/regional firms & companies
- have an Accelerated MAcc (AMAcc) option for students that are already accounting majors in our college and in their junior year

What is the nature of the coursework?

- will cover all the latest technologies in accounting
- provides an excellent avenue to obtain 150 hours for CPA licensure

How long does it take?

- can be completed in 1 calendar year (if you're pre-requisite ready)
- can be completed by AMAcc students with an additional Summer and Fall semester.

How is the program structured?

Our program is 30 credit hours: 8 required, 2 electives. The 2 electives are typically CPA review or MBA courses. The required courses include topics like Tax Accounting, Accounting Statistics, Applied Professional Research, Data Mining, etc.

Who is eligible?

Our staff will evaluate a student's transcript to determine the GPA - students need a minimum undergrad GPA of 2.75 or should have achieved 3.00 GPA on last 60 hours of undergrad coursework.

Note: If you are an A-State accounting major with an overall GPA of at least 2.75, you can apply for 'conditional' admission to the AMAcc program after completing Intermediate I with a grade of B or better. You will typically apply in your junior year before taking the dual-credit (ACCT 5000-level) courses.

Link to apply: <https://www.astate.edu/info/admissions/graduate/>

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