

# MASTER OF SCIENCE ACCOUNTING

Explore how major businesses track and report their finances. You'll gain specialized knowledge of how to analyze and manage financial and tax data while following today's strict accounting guidelines.

## KEY CONCEPTS

- Accounting analytics and valuation
- Corporate and real estate taxation
- Data-driven decision making
- Financial statement and data systems analysis
- Information security, audit and control
- Internal, external, forensic and automated auditing
- International, state, local and individual taxation

## INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC TOOLS

- Alteryx
- Automation Anywhere
- IDEA
- Microsoft SQL
- MindBridge Analytics
- Tableau

## CAREER-TAILORED EXPERIENCES



**Advancement Toward CPA Certification**  
Receive one-on-one CPA advising and take courses that can be applied toward the CPA requirement.



**Recruiter Connections**  
Connect with recruiters from Big Four firms and other major businesses through projects, job fairs and other unique opportunities.



**Learn Advanced Concepts and Technology**  
Apply what you learn to real-world scenarios through hands-on projects and Big Four case competitions.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

**2 OR 3**  
SEMESTERS

**30**  
CREDITS



**3 PROGRAM TRACKS**

- TAX ANALYTICS
- AUDIT ANALYTICS
- PUBLIC ACCOUNTING

## WHO SHOULD APPLY

Recent college graduates with any background who want specialized accounting knowledge extending beyond the fundamentals or to complement what they've learned in their undergraduate degree program.

# 97%

Job placement rate for our MS Accounting grads who are U.S. residents\* (2021)

# +13%

Salary difference between internal auditors with a bachelor's degree versus those with a master's degree (Institute of Internal Auditors, 2015)

# +\$1.5M

Lifetime earnings difference in accountants with a bachelor's degree versus CPA-certified MSA grads (Becker/Accounting Today)

## POTENTIAL JOB TITLES

- Assurance or audit accountant
- Financial consultant
- Forensic accountant or federal criminal investigator
- Tax accountant
- Corporate accountant
- Risk, IT risk and financial consultant

## EXPERT, WORLD CLASS FACULTY



### Lawrence Gordon

- Co-creator of the Gordon-Loeb Model in Information Security.
- Internationally known scholar and accounting author.
- Expert in cybersecurity and managerial accounting.



### Michael Kimbrough

- Allen J. Krowe Teaching Award recipient.
- Former CPA at PwC.
- Expert in corporate financial reporting and intangible investment accounting.

## GRADUATES' JOB PLACEMENTS

Deloitte.

Morgan Stanley

RSM

CohnReznick

pwc

EY

KPMG

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*I was a criminology and criminal justice major with an interest in forensic accounting. I can combine the investigative mindset cultivated in my undergraduate studies with the technical knowledge of accounting and come into this field with a ready-set-go mindset for finding and detecting fraud.*

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— Eleanna Weissman, MS Accounting '22

\*Data for 2021 graduates who reported their salaries to Maryland Smith's Office of Career Services. Please note this figure does not reach the 75 percent MBACSEA reporting threshold.

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