

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.

What You Will Learn

EXPERIENCES TAILORED FOR YOUR CAREER



Advancement Toward CPA Certification

Receive one-on-one CPA advising from Maryland Smith career experts. You'll also select courses that count toward your degree and the 150-credit-hour CPA education requirement.*



Recruiter Connections

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

**Requirement varies per jurisdiction.*

INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC TOOLS YOU WILL USE

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

3 TRACKS:

Public Accounting
Tax Analytics
Audit Analytics

2 OR 3
Semesters

30
Credits

KEY CONCEPTS EXPLORED

- 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

FACULTY PROFILES



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 PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Expert in corporate financial reporting and intangible investment accounting.

2020 STUDENT PROFILE

3.4
Average Undergrad GPA

60%
Women

Where Your Degree Can Take You

\$70K Median annual salary for Accountants and Auditors
(Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019)

41% Employers planning to hire MSA job candidates
(GMAC, 2019)

84% MSA grads secure a job within six months of graduating
(2019)*

FASTER THAN AVERAGE GROWTH

10% 10-Year job growth for Accountants and Auditors
(Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2016 - 2026)

POPULAR INDUSTRIES

- Federal, State and Local Government
- Investment Banking
- Technical and Scientific Consulting
- International Accounting
- Payroll and Bookkeeping

POTENTIAL JOB TITLES

- Assurance or Audit Accountant
- Corporate Accountant
- Forensic Accountant
- Risk, IT Risk and Financial Consultant
- Tax Accountant

BUSINESSES WHO HIRE OUR STUDENTS INCLUDE:



*Data for 2019 graduates who reported their U.S. salaries to Maryland Smith's Office of Career Services.

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Our professors have years of experience working with Big Four consulting firms and other major organizations. Regardless of the track you choose, they know how to incorporate key concepts, such as big data analytics, into their curriculum to keep you up to speed on the latest standards, technology and industry trends.

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Emanuel Zur

Academic Director
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