

ACCOUNTING (MBA/MSA)

The dual MBA/MS in Accounting degree provides students with a depth of knowledge in financial and public accounting, and the breadth of business acumen sought by accounting and financial professionals.

Related Programs

Master's

- Accountancy (MSA) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/business/accountancy-ms/>)

Curriculum

Degree Requirements

The dual degree in business and accounting requires four fewer courses than if each degree were earned separately. Students completing the dual-degree program will earn an MBA (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/business/next-generation-mba/>) with a specialization in accounting and an MSA degree (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/business/accountancy-ms/>).

A maximum gap of three years is allowed between the completion of one program and the start of the other.

Code	Title	Hours
MBA Prerequisites ¹		
ISSCM 400N	Quantitative Methods I	0
ISSCM 402N	Quantitative Methods II - Statistics Primer	0
MBA Introductory Courses ¹		
ACCT 400	Financial Accounting for Business Decisions	3
ECON 420	Managerial Economics	3
FINC 450	Financial Management	3
MARK 460	Marketing Management	3
SCMG 480	Intro to Operations Management	3
Required MBA Core Coursework		
MARK 425N	Business Communication	1.5
MGMT 426N	Leadership Development	1.5
MARK 470N	Research, Insights and Storytelling	3
FINC 470N	Business Finance	3
ISSCM 596N	Data Driven Decision Making	3
MGMT 430N	Strategy and Leadership	3
HRER 417N	Managing and Motivating in the Workplace	3
MGMT 431N	Business Consulting Course	3
Ethics Requirement (Choose one)		
ETHC 441N	Business Ethics	3
or MGMT 446	International Business Ethics	
or INFS 795	Ethics and Data Analytics	
MSA Core Courses		
Choose six (6) of the following courses:		18
ACCT 402	Issues in Financial Reporting	
ACCT 404	Financial State Analysis	
ACCT 412	Special Topics in Accounting	
ACCT 424	Managerial Accounting	
ACCT 425	International Accounting ²	
ACCT 431	Tax Research ³	

ACCT 432	State, Local and International Tax ³	
ACCT 433	International Tax	
ACCT 435	Internal Audit	
ACCT 436	Forensic Accounting and Fraud ⁴	
ACCT 437	Advanced Forensic Accounting ⁵	
LREB 445	Entrepreneurship Law	
Three (3) ACCT from the list above or Graduate Business course elective ⁶		9
Total Hours		66

¹ Students may be granted a waiver of prerequisite and introductory MBA courses based upon academic work completed in the last 5 years with students earning the grade(s) of "B" or higher within a discipline.

² Prerequisite of ACCT 406 Accounting Theory II.

³ Prerequisite of ACCT 408 Tax Principles Applied to Entities.

⁴ Prerequisite of ACCT 409 Audit I - Audit and Assurance.

⁵ Prerequisite of ACCT 409 Audit I - Audit and Assurance or ACCT 436 Forensic Accounting and Fraud.

⁶ NOTE: Introductory Core courses (ACCT 400, ECON 420, FINC 450, MARK 460, SCMG 480) may not be taken to fulfill the or general elective requirements.

Dual Degree Programs

Students in dual degree programs are responsible for abiding by academic policies and graduation requirements of both academic units to which they are enrolled. It is strongly recommended that students schedule regular meetings with academic advisors from both units to ensure timely degree completion. Dual degree programs may have slightly different degree requirements from the standard for one or both of the degrees earned. Students should closely read through all degree requirements and ask for clarification as needed.

Graduate & Professional Standards and Regulations

Students in graduate and professional programs can find their Academic Policies in Graduate and Professional Academic Standards and Regulations (<https://catalog.luc.edu/academic-standards-regulations/graduate-professional/>) under their school. Any additional University Policies supersede school policies.

Learning Outcomes

- Integrative Business Knowledge:** Graduates will be proficient in integrating the techniques, processes, and procedures of the fundamental business disciplines (accounting, economics, finance, marketing, management, human resource management, operations management, and information technology). They will be able to apply theory, skills, and knowledge from these disciplines to business practice. [MBA]
- Critical Decision Making:** Graduates will demonstrate their capacity for critical analysis in processing, interpreting, and managing the quantitative and qualitative information necessary for effective managerial decision making. [MBA]
- Ethics and Responsible Leadership:** Graduates will understand how to be a leader in business who exhibits personal integrity, ethical awareness, and an ability to apply ethical principles to business practice. [MBA]

- Global Perspective and Awareness of Diversity: Graduates will have a global perspective by recognizing international business issues and appreciating diversity, including culture, race, religion, and gender. [MBA]
- Communication: Graduates will be able to communicate effectively, orally. Graduates will be able to communicate effectively, in writing. [MBA]
- Measurement: Graduate accounting students will demonstrate the ability to identify what needs to be measured, apply the appropriate measures, and recognize the strengths and weaknesses of the measures used. [MSA]
- Decision Making: Graduate accounting students will demonstrate the ability to critically use financial and non-financial data in decision-making. [MSA]
- Research: Graduate accounting students will demonstrate the ability to research new or existing accounting issues and topics, understand the link between business and accounting, and apply the finding to the business condition. [MSA]
- Risk Analysis: Graduate accounting students will demonstrate the ability to identify and manage risk. [MSA]
- Communication: Graduate accounting students will possess the ability to communicate scope, findings and recommendations of accounting work. [MSA]