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.

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.

A MBA degree 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.

Learning Outcomes

Learning Goals for Master of Business Administration Program (MBA)

- **Goal 1:** 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.
- **Goal 2:** 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.
- **Goal 3:** 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.
- **Goal 4:** 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.
- **Goal 5:** Communication: Graduates will be able to communicate effectively, orally. Graduates will be able to communicate effectively, in writing.
for the MSA
Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Master of Science in Accountancy (MSA) program, graduates are expected to have acquired essential skills in the areas of:

- **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.

- **Decision Making**: Graduate accounting students will demonstrate the ability to critically use financial and non-financial data in decision-making.

- **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.

- **Risk Analysis**: Graduate accounting students will demonstrate the ability to identify and manage risk.

- **Communication**: Graduate accounting students will possess the ability to communicate scope, findings and recommendations of accounting work.