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.

### Code | Title | Hours
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**MBA Prerequisites** | | 0
| ISSCM 400N | Quantitative Methods I | 0
| ISSCM 402N | Quantitative Methods II - Statistics Primer | 0

#### MBA Introductory Courses 1

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| 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

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| FINC 470N | Business Finance | 3
| HRER 417N | Managing and Motivating in the Workplace | 3
| ISSCM 596N | Data Driven Decision Making | 3
| MARK 425N | Business Communication | 1.5
| MARK 470N | Research, Insights and Storytelling | 3
| MGMT 426N | Leadership Development | 1.5
| MGMT 430N | Strategy and Leadership | 3
| MGMT 431N | Business Consulting Course | 3

#### Ethics Requirement

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| MGMT 441N | Business Ethics | 3
| or MGMT 446 | International Business Ethics | 3
| or INFS 795 | Ethics and Data Analytics | 3

#### MSA Core Courses

Choose six (6) of the following courses: 18

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| ACCT 402 | Issues in Financial Reporting | 3
| ACCT 404 | Financial State Analysis | 3
| ACCT 412 | Special Topics in Accounting | 3
| ACCT 424 | Managerial Accounting | 3
| ACCT 425 | International Accounting 2 | 3
| ACCT 431 | Tax Research 3 | 3
| ACCT 432 | State, Local and International Tax 3 | 3
| ACCT 433 | International Tax | 3
| ACCT 435 | Internal Audit | 3
| ACCT 436 | Forensic Accounting and Fraud 4 | 3
| ACCT 437 | Advanced Forensic Accounting 5 | 3

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 400 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.

#### 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.