

MSA Curriculum and Program Requirements

The MSA program consists of 30 units of coursework. Applicants who hold a bachelor's degree in a field other than accounting are required to complete prerequisite courses before admission to the program. Evaluation of previous coursework is done during the assessment for admission to the program.

MSA Accounting Prerequisite Courses - 15 Units (GPA must be at least 3.0)

- Six units of Intermediate Accounting (ACCT 351 and ACCT 352 or equivalents)
- Cost Accounting (ACCT 380 or equivalent)
- Auditing Principles (ACCT 460 or equivalent)
- Taxation (ACCT 440 or equivalent)

MSA Business Prerequisite Courses - 24 Units (12 units from the following 4 courses plus 12 units from other business areas. GPA from these Business Prerequisites should be at least 3.0)

- Information Systems for Business (IS 312 or equivalent)
- Business Law (BLAW 280 or equivalent)
- Financial Management (FIN 303 or equivalent)
- Business Statistics (SOM 120 or equivalent)

MSA Required Core Program Coursework (18 Units)

- ACCT 611 Ethics and Communications for Accounting Professionals
- ACCT 615 Contemporary Issues in Accounting
- ACCT 624 Advanced Auditing Seminar
- ACCT 626 Managerial Cost Accounting Seminar
- ACCT 628 Financial Statement Analysis and Valuation
- IS 630 Accounting Information Systems

Concentration (9 Units)

Students may choose either one of the two concentrations

Professional Accountancy Concentration (9 Units):

- ACCT 620 Income Tax Concepts and Their Business Applications
- ACCT 632 Accounting Issues in Select Industries
- ACCT 634 Forensic Accounting
- ACCT 636 Accounting for Governmental and Non-Profit Entities
- ACCT 692A-Z Selected Topics in Accounting

Information Systems Concentration (9 Units):

- IS 655 Information Systems Theory and Practices
- IS 656 Information Systems Audit
- IS 657 Information Systems Governance and Risk Management
- IS 692A-Z Selected Topics in Information Systems

Culminating Experience

The CSU system requires that all master's degree candidates complete a thesis, project or exam that serves as a culminating experience and that demonstrates a comprehensive mastery of the program's content. Satisfactory completion of this requirement is necessary (but not sufficient) to earn the degree. MSA options for the culminating experience are:

- ACCT 698C Graduate Thesis
- ACCT 698D Graduate Projects



MSA Admissions Criteria

For admission, applicants must meet the requirements of the University as listed in the Graduate Studies, Research, and International Programs section of this catalog. In addition, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. For CSUN BS in Accountancy students / graduates

- Overall GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Accounting GPA of 3.0 or higher
- GPA of 3.0 or higher in the last 60 units

2. For students / graduates from other programs / institutions

- A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Be in good academic standing with last college or university attended
- Overall GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Accounting GPA of 3.0 or higher
- GPA of 3.0 or higher in the last 60 units
- GMAT (or GRE) required. (The overall GMAT (or GRE) score must be in 50th percentile or higher.)
- For applicants who earned a bachelor's degree at a school where English was not the principal language of instruction, the minimum TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of 79 (Internet-based)/ 213 (computer-based)/ 550 (paper-based) is required.

Applications are first evaluated by the university admissions office. If it is determined that the applicant meets the university's admission requirements, then the application materials are forwarded to the Graduate Programs office for evaluation.

Application Deadlines

Semester	Application	GMAT
Fall 2011	May 2	May 31

Application

Complete an application online at <http://www.csumentor.edu/> Be sure to include the \$55 application fee.

Transcripts

Have official transcripts from all institutions attended mailed to CSUN's Office of Admissions and Records.

GMAT

Send official copies of your Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) scores. Please use the CSUN's MBA program C.E.E.B. code PVC-C4-74. For more information, visit the GMAT website at <http://www.mba.com/>

Send MSA application materials to:

California State University, Northridge
Graduate and Evening Programs
18111 Nordhoff Street, JH 3109
Northridge, CA 91330-8380

Send Official Transcripts and Application Fee to:

California State University, Northridge
Admissions and Records
18111 Nordhoff Street
Northridge, CA 91330-8207

FINANCIAL AID

There are a limited number of awards available for graduate students. To apply for financial assistance in the form of State or Federal grants or loans, contact the Financial Aid Office at 818-677-2085. Teaching and Graduate Assistantships, as well as Student Fellowship Opportunities, may be available.

Please visit www.csun.edu/acct
or call (818) 677-2467 for more information.