

PROGRAM OF STUDY

MPA REQUIRED CORE COURSES	
ACCT 720	Seminar in Cost Accounting
ACCT 731	Seminar in Tax
ACCT 740	Seminar in Accounting Theory
ACCT 750	Contemporary Topics in Auditing
ACCT 760	Accounting in Govt. & Non-Profit Organizations
ACCT 780	Advanced Accounting
BADM 582	Business Policy and Strategy

In addition, candidates must select, with the MPA director's approval, an additional 9 hours of graduate elective course work that will help prepare the student for a career in the accounting field. Both thesis and internship program options are available.

MPA Program Options (30 credit hours)

Plan A: Non-Thesis Program

MPA Core21 credit hours
Restricted Electives9 credit hours

Plan B: Thesis Option

MPA Core21 credit hours
Restricted Electives3-6 credit hours
Thesis3-6 credit hours

Plan C: Internship Option

MPA Core21 credit hours
Restricted Electives6 credit hours
Internship3 credit hours

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

A limited number of graduate assistantships are awarded each year on a competitive basis to fully admitted, full-time, on-campus MPA students. Applications for graduate assistantships are available upon request from mpa@usd.edu.

Go online for information @
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As the flagship liberal arts institution of South Dakota, The University of South Dakota, founded in 1862, has long been regarded as a leader in the state and the region. Learn more about the university at www.usd.edu.

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ACCREDITATION— A Sign of Extraordinary Quality

The University of South Dakota Beacom School of Business, established in 1927, offers the only fully accredited business school in

South Dakota. The U has continuously been accredited by The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) since 1949. AACSB accreditation is the mark of quality distinction most widely sought after by business schools—less than 5% worldwide have earned the achievement. Visit www.aacsb.edu to learn more about this prestigious designation.

THE BEACOM MPA

The MPA program is designed to provide specialized training in accounting and related fields for those who wish to prepare for a career in accounting and meet the 150-hour educational requirement for the CPA exam. In addition, the program provides training in accounting and related subjects for students seeking careers in industry, government service, or accounting education. The primary objectives are: (1) to develop judgmental ability relating to the production and use of accounting information and (2) to assist in the development of professional competence. Students across the state and around the world can also earn their MPA online.

The MPA requires 30 credit hours. A non-thesis program is offered, as well as thesis and internship options. A comprehensive exit examination must be successfully completed prior to graduation. Elective choices must be approved by the director of the program and should help prepare the student for a career in the accounting field.

Each applicant will be expected to have satisfactorily completed the courses or their equivalents listed in the Undergraduate Required courses list including the Undergraduate Accounting core (ACCT 310/311, ACCT 320, ACCT 360, ACCT 430 and ACCT 450) and the undergraduate business law requirement (BADM 350 and BADM 351).

UNDERGRADUATE REQUIRED COURSES

Prerequisite coursework is required in order to ensure that all MPA students have a fundamental understanding of business. Students possessing an undergraduate degree in business may have fulfilled the prerequisites. Interested applicants are encouraged to submit their transcript to the MPA office for review of prerequisite fulfillment. Students with prerequisites remaining are eligible to apply for program admission.

Principles of Accounting I & II (ACCT 210 & ACCT 211)
Micro and Macro Economics (ECON 201 & ECON 202)
Principles of Marketing (BADM 370)
Organizational Theory or Management (BADM 369 or BADM 360)
Business Finance (BADM 310)
Production & Operations Management (BADM 425)
Statistics (BADM 220)
Calculus (MATH 121)
Intermediate Accounting I and II (ACCT 310 & ACCT 311)
Cost Accounting (ACCT 320)
Accounting Systems (ACCT 360)
Income Tax Accounting (ACCT 430)
Auditing (ACCT 450)
Legal Environment of Business (BADM 350)
Business Law I (BADM 351)

COMBINED MPA/JD

The USD Schools of Business and Law offer a joint degree that leads to the Master of Professional Accountancy and Juris Doctor degrees. This program requires admission to the School of Business and the School of Law and can be completed in as little as three years. This program is only available to on-campus students studying in Vermillion, S.D.

Prospective students interested in the joint degree program are encouraged to apply to both programs.



ACCOUNTING MISSION

The mission of the Accounting Programs at The University of South Dakota School of Business is to provide quality professional education in an environment that promotes critical thinking, fosters the exchange of ideas among scholars, and contributes value to the practice of accounting.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Baccalaureate degree or an equivalent degree from an institution with full regional accreditation for that degree or be part of the joint 153 credit hour undergraduate/graduate accounting program at USD.
- Completion of graduate application form.
- Two official transcripts of all prior academic work showing undergraduate degree earned.
- Two letters of recommendation – placed in separate, sealed envelopes and signed.
- Resumé and statement of purpose.
- Non-refundable application fee of \$35 made payable to The University of South Dakota.
- Official copy of GMAT scores. If you have not registered for the GMAT, please do so at MBA.com. Acceptable score on the GMAT required for admittance.
- International students must submit a financial statement and the TOEFL or IELTS. Students must receive a TOEFL score of at least 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based) or 79 (Internet-based). A 6.0 or higher is required for the IELTS.
- International students may be asked to have their transcripts evaluated by ECE or WES.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply to:

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E-mail: grad@usd.edu

Website: www.usd.edu/grad/how-to-apply.cfm