

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY (M.P.A.)

ONLINE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The mission of the Accounting Programs at the University of South Dakota Beacom 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.

The online Master of Professional Accountancy (M.P.A.) is designed to provide specialized training in accounting and related fields for those who wish to prepare for a career in public accounting and meet the 150-hour educational requirement for the CPA exam. Specific course requirements to sit for the CPA exam do vary by state, so please be sure to check with the state licensing board in the state or states in which you intend to become licensed for specific requirements. The M.P.A. 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.

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

The University of South Dakota's Beacom School of Business, established in 1927, offers the only accredited program of business in South Dakota. USD's Beacom School of Business has been continuously accredited by AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) since 1949.

Less than 5 percent of the nation's top business schools have earned this prestigious designation. Therefore, you can be confident that an Online M.P.A. from the University of South Dakota is of high quality and is well regarded by the business community. For more information about this prestigious designation, visit www.aacsb.edu.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

The priority application review dates for the M.P.A. program are as follows:

Fall Semester apply by June 1
Spring Semester apply by October 1
Summer Semester apply by March 1

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the Online M.P.A. program, contact a higher education service site that is appropriate for you:

**Sioux Falls, Sioux City,
Vermillion area & Worldwide**
Division of Continuing Education
1-800-233-7937
605-677-6240
cde@usd.edu

Rapid City & Pierre area
University Center - Rapid City
Contact: Benjamin Krush
605-718-4112
UC-RC@usd.edu

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GETTING STARTED

Prospective students may apply through the Graduate School at www.usd.edu/grad/how-to-apply.cfm.

The Graduate School forwards completed applications to the appropriate academic department for review. The department will then recommend the admission status of the applicant to the Dean of the Graduate School, who will make the final decision on admission.

Once accepted, students can register online through WebAdvisor at www.usd.edu/webadvisor or through the online form located at <https://www.usd.edu/cde/registration>.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate School and specific requirements of the M.P.A. program. Graduate School requirements can be accessed online at www.usd.edu/grad.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- One official transcript of all prior academic work showing undergraduate degree earned. A Baccalaureate degree or an equivalent degree from an institution with full regional accreditation for that degree is required.
- Letters of recommendation from two individuals who can evaluate your accomplishments, your communication and interpersonal skills and your leadership potential. Each letter should be placed in a sealed envelope and signed.
- Official copy of GMAT scores; a current, satisfactory score is necessary.
- Resume outlining your education, work experience and other activities.
- Personal statement of goals, challenges and experience.
- Complete Specific Undergraduate Prerequisite coursework.
- International Students must submit TOEFL or IELTS scores and may be asked to have transcripts evaluated by ECE or WES.
- International Students must submit a statement of finances.

Required Test for Admission:

GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test)

TUITION RATES

For the most up-to-date online course tuition information, please visit: www.usd.edu/cde/tuition-rates.cfm.



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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND COURSE ROTATIONS

Business Prerequisites - dependent upon undergraduate coursework (All courses are offered online).

Course/No.	Course Title	Rotation	Required Prerequisite for the Foundation Courses
ACCT 520	Foundations of Accounting (Equivalent to Principles of ACCT I and II)	Every Fall	
BADM 505	Foundations of Finance (Equivalent to Principles of Finance)	Every Summer	ACCT 520: Foundations of Accounting
BADM 520	Foundations of Calculus & Statistics for Business (Equivalent to Business Calculus & Statistics)	Every Spring	
BADM 525	Foundations of Operations Management (Equivalent to Production)	Every Spring	BADM 520: Foundations of Calculus & Statistics for Business
BADM 580	Foundations of Marketing & Organizational Behavior (Equivalent to Principles of Marketing and Organizational Behavior)	Every Summer	
ECON 580	Foundations of Economics (Equivalent to Principles of Micro & Macro Economics)	Every Fall	

Accounting/Law Prerequisites* - dependent upon undergraduate coursework

Course/No.	Course Title	Credits	Offered:
ACCT 310	Intermediate Accounting I	3	TBA
ACCT 311	Intermediate Accounting II	3	TBA
ACCT 320	Cost Accounting	3	TBA
ACCT 360	Accounting Systems	3	TBA
ACCT 430	Income Tax Accounting	3	TBA
ACCT 450	Auditing	3	TBA
BADM 350	Legal Environment of Business	3	TBA
BADM 351	Business Law I**	3	TBA

*All prerequisite courses must be completed before taking the 6th Core Requirement course.

**BADM 350 is a required prerequisite of BADM 351.

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY CORE REQUIREMENTS: (30 CREDIT HOURS) (All courses are offered online).

Course/No.	Course Title/Delivery Method	Rotation	Required Prerequisite
ACCT 720	Cost Accounting	Fall Even Years	ACCT 320: Cost Accounting
ACCT 731	Tax Planning and Practice	Summer Even Years	ACCT 430: Income Tax Accounting
ACCT 740	Advanced Accounting Theory	Summer Odd Years Beginning 2013	ACCT 310 and ACCT 311: Intermediate Accounting 1 & 2
ACCT 750	Contemporary Topics in Auditing	Spring Odd Years Beginning 2013	ACCT 450: Auditing
ACCT 760	Accounting in Government and Non-Profit Organizations	Spring Even Years	ACCT 210 and ACCT 211: Principles of Accounting 1 & 2
ACCT 780	Advanced Accounting	Fall Odd Years Beginning 2013	ACCT 310 and ACCT 311: Intermediate Accounting 1 & 2
BADM 582*	Business Policy and Strategy	Every Spring	
	Three Graduate Level Electives**	Every Semester	

*BADM 582 may be substituted with an approved graduate elective if a Business Policy and Strategy class has previously been taken.

**Electives must be at the 500-level or above, approved by the MPA program director, and be a course that will assist in CPA exam preparation or business professional development.