

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

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The 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 to take 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. View our graduate catalog for more details.

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 on 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)

GETTING STARTED:

Prospective graduate 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.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

The MPA program operates on a rolling admissions basis and will review an application when complete. However, to guarantee a spot in a particular semester, application deadlines have been set as follows:

Six weeks before classes begin

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For more information, please visit www.usd.edu/grad or contact:

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

M.P.A. (NON-THESIS OPTION)

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
ACCT 720	Seminar in Cost Accounting	3
ACCT 731	Seminar in Tax	3
ACCT 740	Seminar in Accounting Theory	3
ACCT 750	Contemporary Topics in Auditing	3
ACCT 760	Accounting in Govt. & Non-Profit Organizations	3
ACCT 780	Advanced Accounting	3
BADM 582	Business Policy and Strategy	3
	ACCT, BADM or ECON Graduate electives	9

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 30

M.P.A. (THESIS OPTION)

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ACCT 720	Seminar in Cost Accounting	3
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ACCT 760	Accounting in Govt. & Non-Profit Organizations	3
ACCT 780	Advanced Accounting	3
BADM 582	Business Policy and Strategy	3
	Thesis	3-6
	ACCT, BADM or ECON Graduate electives	3-6

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 30

M.P.A. (INTERNSHIP)

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
ACCT 720	Seminar in Cost Accounting	3
ACCT 731	Seminar in Tax	3
ACCT 740	Seminar in Accounting Theory	3
ACCT 750	Contemporary Topics in Auditing	3
ACCT 760	Accounting in Govt. & Non-Profit Organizations	3
ACCT 780	Advanced Accounting	3
BADM 582	Business Policy and Strategy	3
	Accounting Internship	3
	ACCT, BADM or ECON Graduate electives	6

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 30