MASTER OF ACCOUNTING
BECOME AN ACCOUNTING LEADER
The Master of Accounting (MAcc) degree is designed for individuals wanting to pursue the Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) designation. Offered over two years during four-month full-time summer sessions (May – August), the MAcc program at the University of Alberta allows you to complete all of the CPA Professional Education Program and prepares you to write the Common Final Examination (CFE). All courses in the MAcc program are offered in-person at the main University of Alberta campus in Edmonton.
CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT (CPA) DESIGNATION

Globally-recognized and respected, the CPA designation is the pre-eminent professional accounting designation in Canada. CPAs are highly-trained and qualified professionals that are in demand in the accounting, business and finance fields.

Become a CPA

To earn the CPA designation, individuals are required to complete a comprehensive Professional Education Program, pass a Common Final Examination, and satisfy a professional experience requirement of 30-months. Prior to entering the Professional Education Program, students need to complete a suite of prerequisite courses that form the base knowledge needed to successfully pursue the CPA designation. This is typically completed through an undergraduate degree in Business with an Accounting major.
Satisfy the Requirements of the CPA Professional Education Program

The MAcc program is designed to cover the same material as the Professional Education Program and prepare you for the Common Final Exam. Through the 11 courses of the MAcc degree, you will complete the common and elective modules of the Professional Education Program, as well as the two CPA Capstone modules.

Immerse Yourself

Over two summer terms (May – August), you would be completely immersed in the MAcc program. With no distractions from work, you are able to focus and dedicate yourself to your studies and get the most out of your time in the program.

Continue to Develop Professionally

Once you’ve completed the intensive summer format of the MAcc program, your focus becomes gaining valuable hours towards the 30-month CPA professional experience requirements. With no academic obligations from September to April, you are able to focus on developing your professional knowledge and strengthening your business acumen.
What You’ll Learn

The program includes a mix of technical accounting courses, soft skill development, and the integration of knowledge in strategy courses. The MAcc program will prepare you for a career in professional accounting where you must have technical accounting expertise and the ability to apply this knowledge in complex accounting and organizational programs. At the end of the MAcc program, you’ll be ready to tackle the Common Final Exam.

Over and Above

The MAcc covers all the material of the Professional Education Program as well as supporting courses in Strategy, Negotiations, and Project Management. These courses help round out your overall knowledge base and are areas identified by employers as key skills. This gives you an advantage and helps you stand out amongst your peers.

What to Expect

While the technical material will be delivered primarily in a lecture format, the majority of the learning will be through application of knowledge (to an issue or program) and through in-class discussion. Team-based learning will be encouraged in most courses. Case studies will be used extensively and guest speakers will be brought in to enhance the learning experience.

THE SCHEDULE

Year One

YEAR 1 (May – August)

- ACCTG 601: Case Studies in Accounting
- FIN 625: Finance for MAcc
- ACCTG 625: Performance Management
- ACCTG 630: Valuation
- SMO 610: Manager as Strategist
- OM 624: Project Management

Year Two

YEAR 2 (May – August)

- ACCTG 657: Advanced Auditing
- ACCTG 662: Strategic Tax Planning
- OM 604: Negotiations
- ACCTG 688: Capstone 1 – Professionalism Capstone
- ACCTG 689: Capstone 2 – Exam Preparation Module
THE BOTTOM LINE

The MAcc is a professional degree program. Total tuition for the program is approximately $36,000 plus non-instructional fees. Fees are assessed by term and will be spread out over the two years of the program.

Admission Requirements

In addition to meeting the CPA prerequisite courses, students will need to also satisfy graduate level entrance requirements at the University of Alberta.

CPA Preparatory Courses

All MAcc students are required to have completed the following courses:

- Introductory Financial Accounting
- Introductory Management Accounting
- Economics
- Statistics
- Intermediate Financial Reporting 1
- Intermediate Financial Reporting 2
- Advanced Financial Reporting
- Corporate Finance
- Audit and Assurance
- Taxation
- Intermediate Management Accounting
- Performance Management
- Business Law
- Information Technology

Course equivalencies are available through CPA Alberta.

Academic Entrance Requirements

In addition to meeting the prerequisite course requirements, MAcc applicants are required to meet the following:

- Undergraduate degree from a recognized post-secondary institution
- GPA of at least 3.0 over your most-recent 60-credits (typically your last two years of study)

Application Details

Applications can be completed online at ualberta.ca/business/macc. As part of your application, you will need to submit:

- PDF copy of your academic documents (transcripts, degree certificate)
- Resume
- One-page Statement of Interest
- Two (2) references (these can be academic, professional or extra-curricular)
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