

Integrated Master of Accounting Program



Program for Undergraduates Meets CPA Standards

To be licensed as a certified public accountant (CPA) in nearly every state, including Pennsylvania, individuals must complete 150 credit-hours of education. To fulfill this educational requirement, Smeal offers a five-year, undergraduate-graduate curriculum, the Integrated MAcc program.

The STEM-designated Master of Accounting program from the Penn State Smeal College of Business is designed for students who are motivated to earn their CPA license. Becoming a CPA opens doors to opportunities not only in accounting firms but also across the business landscape. The Integrated MAcc program prepares students to enter careers in public accounting, corporate accounting, management accounting, and governmental accounting, as well as corporate finance, financial analysis, and law enforcement.

Students enrolled in the Integrated MAcc program begin their coursework in the fall of their third year. Undergraduate- and graduate-level coursework is combined in the final two years of the program. Students graduate with both a Master of Accounting degree and a Bachelor of Science Accounting degree within a five year period. Please refer to bulletins.psu.edu for undergraduate and graduate requirements.

Program Description

The STEM-designated Integrated MAcc program coursework begins in the fall semester of the third year.

- Graduation occurs during the fifth year, at which time students simultaneously earn a bachelor's and master's degree in accounting.
- Students must perform a professional internship as part of the program requirements, usually resulting in a permanent job opportunity.
- Students enroll in dedicated course sections reserved for students in the Integrated MAcc program. Some coursework counts toward both the undergraduate and the graduate degrees.
- Coursework involves extensive data and business analytics that prepares students for the professional work environment they will enter.
- Students consult with a dedicated MAcc-only advisers about course selections and career choices.
- Students have access to the broad and deep pool of recruiters who come to Smeal to hire new talent every year. Placement rates are consistently near 100 percent at graduation.

Admissions Process and Tuition Information

Smeal students planning to pursue the Accounting major, or another Smeal major with a **dual track in accounting**, should apply to the Integrated MAcc program in the fall semester or early in the spring semester of their second year, prior to and/or during the undergraduate major selection period at Smeal.

Admission to the Integrated MAcc program is competitive and enrollment is limited. The Accounting Department at Smeal bases its acceptance decisions on SAT scores and performance at Penn State, with particular emphasis on courses that are indicators of aptitude for a rigorous accounting program.

To learn more about admission to the Integrated MAcc program and to apply, visit smeal.psu.edu/macc/integrated.

Tuition in the Integrated MAcc program is at the undergraduate-level rate for Smeal students as set by the University with an additional \$4,750 tuition differential fee for graduate-level course offerings and administrative costs.



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Sample Semester-by-Semester Schedule for Integrated MAcc Program Courses

(Subject to change)

Third Year ¹	Fourth Year	Fifth Year ⁴
Fall ACCTG 404: Managerial Accounting ACCTG 471: Intermediate Accounting I	Fall ACCTG 403W: Auditing BA 817: Communication Skills for Management ACCTG 804: Data Analytics in the Accounting Profession Graduate Elective ²	Fall ACCTG 873: Topics in Financial Reporting ACCTG 881: Financial Statement Analysis ACCTG 805: Applied Accounting and Financial Analytics Graduate Elective ² Graduate Elective ²
Spring ACCTG 432: Accounting Information Systems ACCTG 472: Intermediate Accounting II ACCTG 405: Principles of Taxation I	Spring ACCTG 495: Internship ³	Spring Graduate Elective ²

¹ Students interested in doing a study abroad should plan on doing so during the spring semester of their third year or during the summer.

² A list of the available graduate electives can be found at: smeal.psu.edu/macc/integrated/semester-schedule.

³ Students must complete a professional internship during either the spring of their fourth year or the summer before the last year in the program.

⁴ Students can complete their degree in fewer than five years if they complete the required undergraduate and graduate coursework.

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