

STEM-designated
Master of Science in
ACCOUNTING

Accelerate your career.



Broad College of Business
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

RANKINGS

#12

Best Master's Program

Source: Public Accounting Report in the 22+ Full-time Faculty Category

EMPLOYMENT

92%

Placement Rate 2017-2019

Targeted Recruiting School

for Big 4 accounting firms as well as other national and regional companies.

CPA CERTIFICATION

80%

CPA Exam pass rate on first attempt

- ▶ Pass rate for the State of Michigan: 60.6%
- ▶ Pass rate for the United States: 54.4%

Source: NASBA Report 2016

Top Performers

Since 2006, six graduates have won the prestigious Elijah Watt Sells Award for highest performance on the CPA exam.

ACCELERATE YOUR CAREER

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Accountants have a long history of helping stakeholders make sound business decisions. As technology evolves, markets globalize, and businesses rely on data analytics in decision-making, the best accounting minds are equipped with a variety of skills to approach business differently.

Our **STEM-designated Master of Science in Accounting** (MSA) program is nationally accredited and teaches students to address real-world challenges and deliver actionable solutions.

By the time our students graduate they are:

- Advanced accounting professionals
- Business and data analysts
- Confident, collaborative communicators
- Critical thinkers
- Strategic problem solvers

In addition, the MSA program satisfies the 150 credit hour requirement for CPA certification, and many of our students complete the CPA, CMA, or CISA Exams while earning their graduate degree.

HISTORY

More Michigan CPAs are graduates of MSU **than any other Michigan college or university**. The program is AACSB accredited and has been in existence for over 60 years.

STRUCTURE

FORMAT
On campus

CREDITS
30

LENGTH
12-24 months

FLEXIBLE START
Rolling admission
Start in the Fall, Spring, or Summer

“The best part of the MSA program was the supportive faculty who worked tirelessly to help me and my peers achieve academic and professional goals. The program equipped me with solid analytical and problem-solving skills to be professional at work.”

DAISY WU
M.S. Accounting '21



BOOST YOUR TECHNICAL TALENT

All students in the MSA program learn advanced Excel functions, data visualization tools, and other emerging technologies, so they are equipped with skills to succeed in the workplace.

Students interested in accounting information systems will learn about an array of additional technology:

Eclipse

JAVA

MS Access

MySQL

SAP

Tableau

Create career possibilities

Although the MSA program can be completed in just one year, many international students coming to MSU for the first time as a Master's student choose to extend the program to two years. The extra year allows students to take additional courses or participate in an internship opportunity, maximizing their chances of placement in the U.S. Upon graduation, career possibilities for our graduates are endless. Our graduates work around the world in organizations of all types and sizes as consultants, partners, executives, entrepreneurs, and educators.

International students who graduate from our STEM-designated program can apply for a 24-month extension to their 12 months of Optional Practical Training (OPT), giving students the opportunity to have three years of work experience in the United States.

Study what interests you

Students can learn to lead in one or more of the following areas:

Information Systems

Public and Corporate Accounting

Taxation

Transaction Services

You will learn from top minds in the field. Our award-winning, nationally-recognized faculty infuse expertise and enthusiasm into every course. Our respected alumni often speak to students about emerging trends and how to apply best practices in the field. As a result, you will gain practical knowledge and skills from our community of talent.

"The MSA program provided me meaningful networking opportunities and connections with current students, alumni, and accounting professionals across the world that helped me secure a job offer after graduation."

JIMMY LI
M.S. Accounting '20



Cultivate your professional skills and network

The MSA program provides an innovative approach to education, positioning graduates for success in the business world and beyond. We provide future business leaders with opportunities to develop professional skills and relationships that last beyond their time in the program.

DATA ANALYTICS

Our STEM-designated program develops students' skills in data mining, warehousing, modeling, forecasting, statistics, analysis, optimization, and more. By the time our students graduate, they can analyze and convey data to drive business solutions.

EY COMMUNICATION CENTER

Students can get personalized help with all stages of the interview process and with communicating their ideas professionally in written and oral formats for course projects.

CAREER TREK

International students have an opportunity to participate in the Russell Palmer Career Management Center's International Career Trek, providing students networking and career development opportunities with prestigious businesses throughout Asia.

MENTOR/MENTEE PROGRAM

Students can participate in our MSA Mentor/Mentee Program to develop a strong cross-cultural network of peers. Participants are partnered with another MSA student who can help navigate the first year on a new campus. In the second year of the program, international students can become mentors to incoming students.

"The MSA program has a warm atmosphere that feels like a huge family! Every student was friendly, alumni from different industries and seniors were always willing to provide mentoring, I had access to professional consultants and resources, and all the professors were patient to answer my questions. I felt included and prepared for career success."

AMY LIU
M.S. Accounting '22



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