

Accountancy (MS)

The Master of Science in Accountancy is designed for students with bachelor's degrees in business areas, including accounting. The program equips students with the necessary tools to effectively interpret and use accounting and financial information. It meets the standards adopted by The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International - for special accreditation of accounting programs and the August 1, 2009, 150 credit hour requirements to sit for the NY State CPA exam. In addition to these benefits, the program also provides opportunities to develop "soft skills" in order to readily be able to communicate in CPA firms. Students with many course waivers must complete a minimum of 30 credits overall to receive the MS degree. Students with non-business undergraduate degrees can also apply, but are encouraged to consider the [MBA accounting major](#) which also meets the CPA requirements.

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| English Language Proficiency | | |
| Students who completed their undergraduate education in a non-English speaking country will be required to take non-credit bearing modules in Grammar Troubleshooting and American English Pronunciation offered by the Division of Continuing and Professional Studies. These modules may be waived based on a waiver exam. The modules are not required for students who completed a four-year degree in an English-speaking country. | | |
| General Business Requirements (36 credits) | | |
| Students with appropriate background will be able to reduce the number of required credits in general business requirements, with the exception of BUS 9557. | | |
| BUS 9557 | Managerial Skills for Accountancy Professionals (not subject to waiver) | 3 credits |
| CIS 9001 | Information Systems for Managers I | 1.5 credits |
| ECO 9730* | Firms in the Global Economy | 1.5 credits |
| ECO 9740 | Fundamentals of Macroeconomics | 1.5 credits |
| FIN 9770** | Corporate Finance | 3 credits |
| LAW 9800 | Business Contracts and Law of Corporations | 4 credits |
| MGT 9300 | Management: A Behavioral Approach | 3 credits |
| MKT 9703 | Marketing Management | 3 credits |
| STA 9708*** | Managerial Statistics | 3 credits |
| Additional advanced business (Zicklin) courses in areas other than accounting and taxation | | 12.5 credits |
| CPA Accounting and Taxation Requirements (34 credits) | | |
| ACC 9112 | Financial Accounting: Intensive | 3 credits |
| ACC 9804 | Intermediate Financial Accounting | 4 credits |
| ACC 9805 | Advanced Financial Accounting | 4 credits |
| ACC 9811 | Managerial Accounting Theory and Practice | 4 credits |
| ACC 9818 | Auditing and Accounting Information Systems | 3 credits |
| ACC 9821 | Auditing | 4 credits |
| TAX 9861 | Federal Income Taxation: Theory and Practice | 3 credits |

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| TAX 9878 | Taxation of Business Entities | 3 credits |
| At least two electives to be selected from the following: | | |
| ACC 9806 | Financial Statement Analysis and Reporting | 3 credits |
| ACC 9810 | Current Topics in Financial Accounting | 3 credits |
| ACC 9815 | Advanced Managerial Accounting | 3 credits |
| ACC 9993 | Special Topics in Accountancy (Formerly ACC 9901) | 3 credits |
| To achieve the minimum of 30 credits required to earn the MS in accountancy, students with baccalaureate degrees in accountancy who have taken equivalent courses to those listed above and earned a grade of B or better may choose electives from among any Zicklin graduate courses for which the prerequisites have been met. (This does not include courses on the list of general business requirements that have been waived.) | | |
| * Formerly Eco 9730 Fundamentals of Microeconomics; new course title effective Spring 2017. | | |
| ** Formerly Fin 9770 Financial Decision making; new course title effective Spring 2017. | | |
| *** Formerly STA 9708 Applied Statistical Analysis for Business Decisions; new course title effective Spring 2017. | | |