ACCOUNTING

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The Master of Accounting degree, offered by the Jones Graduate School of Business, is designed to enable students with a top-tier non-accounting undergraduate education to complete the educational requirements for becoming a certified public accountant. Certified public accountants conduct independent audits and provide accounting, tax, and consulting services. The program prepares students to enter careers in public accounting, corporate accounting, management accounting, governmental accounting, financial analysis, and law enforcement.

Graduates of the program will excel in analytics, critical thinking, ethics, judgment, and communications, built on outstanding technical accounting skills. An understanding of global capital markets and macroeconomic forces will complement graduates’ accounting expertise, along with proficiency in corporate finance, risk and valuation.

Accounting does not currently offer an academic program at the undergraduate level.

Master's Program

• Master of Accounting (MAcc) Degree (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/business/accounting/accounting-macc)

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For Rice University degree-granting programs:
To view the list of official course offerings, please see Rice's Course Catalog (https://courses.rice.edu/admweb/ISWKSCAT.cat?p_action=cata)
To view the most recent semester's course schedule, please see Rice's Course Schedule (https://courses.rice.edu/admweb/ISWKSCAT.cat)

Accounting (MACC)
MACC 500 - INTERNSHIP IN ACCOUNTING
Short Title: INTERNSHIP IN ACCOUNTING
Department: Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Internship/Practicum
Credit Hours: 6
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students in the MACC program. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Supervised off-campus, non-group instruction, including field experiences, practica, or internships in applied accounting. Written and oral critique of activity required. Internship plan must be approved in advance by the MAcc Program Director. Instructor Permission Required.

MACC 501 - ACCOUNTING ETHICS AND PROFESSIONALISM
Short Title: ETHICS IN ACCOUNTING
Department: Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students in the MACC program. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: The purpose of the course is to prepare the future CPA for ethical judgement. Course materials emphasize ethical reasoning and giving voice to values; principles of integrity, objectivity, independence (in fact and appearance) and avoidance of intentional misrepresentation of facts; the role of core values in a dynamically changing global economy; and professional and ethical issues in accounting practice.

MACC 502 - BUSINESS LAW FOR ACCOUNTANTS
Short Title: BUSINESS LAW FOR ACCOUNTANTS
Department: Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students in the MACC program. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course examines the broad subject of law as it relates to business and is designed to help the accounting student develop "legal astuteness." The course provides an initial exposure to contracts and crucial concepts of tort, crime, agency, and business organization, as well as federal legal and regulatory schemes.

MACC 503 - ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING REGULATION
Short Title: ACCTING & AUDITING REGULATION
Department: Management
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 1.5
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students in the MACC program. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Students will engage in an intensive 5-day learning program held partially or fully off-campus. An accounting faculty member will oversee the course, and various officials involved in public policy will lead many presentations and discussions. The grade for this course will be 100% based on accounting and business writing.

MACC 504 - FINANCIAL FUTURES AND OPTIONS
Short Title: FINANCIAL FUTURES & OPTIONS
Department: Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 1.5
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students in the MACC program. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: An introduction to forward, futures, option, and swap contracts, including the basic valuation, principles, the use of these contracts for hedging financial risk, and an analysis of option-like investment decisions.
approaches, including DCF and residual income valuation (RIV).

understanding a firm's profitability relative to past performance and factors affecting business in today's global economy. Fluen... decision-making in the globally competitive product, financial, and labor markets that characterize the modern business environment.

The first half of the course focuses on documenting and presenting financial information; the second half covers interpretation and decision making based on that information. Topics include: accounting for dilutive securities and stock-based compensation, recognition and de-recognition of investments, leases, deferred taxes, and pension and other postretirement obligations; advanced topics on inter-corporate investment accounting. Codification research will be integrated throughout course. Comparison of U.S. GAAP and IFRS.

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Description: This course examines fair value accounting, as outlined in Accounting Standard Codification section 820 and other U.S. accounting standards; use of 3rd party pricing services, credit risk considerations, and recent accounting updates impacting the valuation of various financial instruments, such as loans, equities, department securities, alternative investments, real estate investments and liabilities.

Description: Course introduces the vocabulary and mechanics of cost accounting. Basic managerial accounting topics will be covered, including cost-volume analysis, cost behavior, relevant costs, and the use of cost information for decision making.

Description: The use of management accounting information to serve management decision-making; review of cost accounting concepts; use of standards and variances; relevance and decision making; role of cost allocations; different costs for different purposes; product costing systems; and managing customers.
MACC 541 - ACCOUNTING CONTROL SYSTEMS
Short Title: ACCOUNTING CONTROL SYSTEMS
Department: Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 1.5
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students in the following programs: EMBA MACC MBA PMBA WMBA XMBA Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Examines the concepts of the integrated audit of internal control over financial reporting in accordance with PCAOB Audit Standard 5. Also covers fundamental procedures used in financial statement audits, specifically in the client acceptance and continuance, planning and risk assessment, and audit comfort cycle phases of the engagement.

MACC 542 - ADVANCED AUDITING
Short Title: ADVANCED AUDITING
Department: Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 1.5
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students in the MACC program.
Course Level: Graduate
Prerequisite(s): BUSI 440
Description: This course provides students with an in-depth understanding of professional standards, the audit process, advanced auditing techniques, and the auditor's role. This course will use case studies to explore audit topics not extensively covered in a typical intro-auditing course, including planning/risk assessment, design and execution of procedures, testing techniques, and software tools.

MACC 561 - ACCOUNTING INFORMATION SYSTEMS
Short Title: ACCOUNTING INFORMATION SYSTEMS
Department: Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 1.5
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: A study of automated systems of processing data for accounting information. The accounting system is discussed form the perspective of developing and maintaining systems capable of producing information for internal decision-making and external reporting. Hands-on experience may include general ledger, ERP, flowcharting software and other relevant computer technology.

MACC 562 - ACCOUNTING AND DATA ANALYTICS
Short Title: ACCOUNTING & DATA ANALYTICS
Department: Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 1.5
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students in the following programs: EMBA MACC MBA PMBA WMBA XMBA Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course applies accounting and critical thinking skills to real-world data analytics examples from auditing and forensics. The focus is on (1) the methodologies of transforming raw and unstructured data into workable data sets, (2) how to interpret data sets, and (3) the presentation of data to decision makers.
MACC 591 - ACCOUNTING THEORY
Short Title: ACCOUNTING THEORY
Department: Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students in the MACC program. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: The aim of this seminar is to impart an understanding of the historical evolution of the literature on financial accounting theory and accounting principles, as well as emerging developments in accounting research. A companion objective is to come to understand the evolving dynamic of the standard-setting process for financial reporting in the United States and at the international level, including consideration of the “political” intrusions into this process. Readings will be drawn from the periodical literature, books and monographs, and reports. A term paper will be required. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for MACC 591 and BUSI 491/MGMT 591.

MACC 599 - INDEPENDENT STUDY
Short Title: INDEPENDENT STUDY
Department: Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Independent Study
Credit Hours: 1-3
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students in the MACC program. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Specialized aspect or topic in an area directly related to public accounting that is chosen by student and an appropriate faculty member. Department Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

MACC 677 - SPECIAL TOPICS
Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS
Department: Management
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Internship/Practicum, Lecture, Laboratory, Seminar
Credit Hours: 1-4
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Visiting Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Topics and credit hours vary each semester. Contact department for current semester's topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.

Description and Code Legend
Note: Internally, the university uses the following descriptions, codes, and abbreviations for this academic program. The following is a quick reference:

Course Catalog/Schedule
- Course offerings/subject code: MACC

Department Description and Code
- Management: MGMT

Graduate Degree Description and Code
- Master of Accounting degree: MAcc

Graduate Degree Program Description and Code
- Degree Program in Accounting: ACCO

CIP Code and Description 1
- ACCO Major/Program: CIP Code/Title: 52.0301 - Accounting

1 Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) 2010 Codes and Descriptions from the National Center for Education Statistics: https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/