

BUSINESS: ACCOUNTING AND BUSINESS ANALYSIS: ACCOUNTING, ASSURANCE, AND ADVISORY, MS

This is a named option within the Business: Accounting and Business Analysis, MS (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/accounting-information-systems/business-accounting-business-analysis-ms/>).

For students interested in pursuing careers in public accounting firms' audit, assurance, and advisory practices, and a variety of roles in corporate finance and accounting functions.

ADMISSIONS

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Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	See program webpage: https://business.wisc.edu/graduate/masters/accounting-business-analysis/admissions (https://business.wisc.edu/graduate/masters/accounting-business-analysis/admissions/)
Spring Deadline	This program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	This program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	May be required in certain cases; consult program.
English Proficiency Test	All applicants whose native language is not English must submit scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the Pearson Test of English (PTE), or the Intensive English as a Second Language (IELTS). A minimum iBT TOEFL score of 100 or equivalent, computer-based PTE score of 73 or equivalent, or IELTS score of 7.5 or equivalent, obtained within two years of the intended start term, is required. This requirement is waived for international applicants who have completed a four-year undergraduate degree and/or master's degree (minimum of eight semesters total) with instruction in English or who will complete such a degree prior to matriculation into the program.
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	GMAT may be required in certain cases; consult program.
Letters of Recommendation Required	0*

* Submission of up to two letters of recommendation is optional.

The Master of Science in Business: Accounting and Business Analysis (MSABA) program is open to any student who has earned a four-year undergraduate degree, or the equivalent¹, in accounting, from an accredited institution. The following will be required for admission to the MSABA program:

1. Undergraduate degree in accounting or equivalent¹. Completion of an undergraduate degree is required prior to starting the program.
2. Resume
3. Response to essay question(s)
4. Completed application and payment of application fee
5. Official transcripts
 - a. All undergraduate and master's degree transcripts will be evaluated.
 - b. Schools outside the US may be verified by World Education Services (WES) at the individual class level.
6. Interview (by invitation only)
7. The GMAT and GRE are optional for candidates who earned an accredited US undergraduate degree.
8. TOEFL, PTE or IELTS test scores, only for applicants whose native language is not English

¹ Completion of the following courses is considered to be equivalent to an undergraduate degree in accounting:

1. Introductory Financial Accounting (equivalent to ACCT I S 100 or ACCT I S 300)
2. Introductory Managerial Accounting (equivalent to ACCT I S 211 or ACCT I S 300)
3. Intermediate Financial Accounting (equivalent to ACCT I S 301 and ACCT I S 302)
4. Advanced Managerial Accounting (equivalent to ACCT I S 310)
5. Accounting Information Systems (equivalent to ACCT I S 340)
6. Taxation (equivalent of ACCT I S 329, ACCT I S 620, or ACCT I S 621)
7. Foundations of Auditing (equivalent to ACCT I S 630)
8. Business Law (equivalent to GEN BUS 301)

HOW TO APPLY

Students interested in business degrees do not apply through the Graduate School application system and should instead refer to the School of Business Admissions page (<https://business.wisc.edu/graduate/>).

FUNDING

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GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

[The Bursar's Office provides information about tuition and fees associated with being a graduate student.](#) [Resources to help you afford graduate study might include assistantships, fellowships, traineeships, and financial](#)

[aid. Further funding information is available from the Graduate School.](#)
Be sure to check with your program for individual policies and restrictions related to funding.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirements>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policies>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

NAMED OPTION REQUIREMENTS MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirements	Detail
Minimum Credit Requirement	30 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	24 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	15 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/).
Other Grade Requirement	Grades of Incomplete are considered to be unsatisfactory if they are not removed during the first four weeks of the following semester. Students may be required to retake a course in which they receive a grade lower than a C.

Assessments and Examinations	No required assessments or examinations beyond course requirements.
Language Requirements	No language graduation requirement.

REQUIRED COURSES

The Master of Science in Business: Accounting and Business Analysis requires all students to complete 3 foundational courses, 4 named option courses and complete 1 of 5 offered specializations. Program approval is required for exceptions.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
ACCT I S 406	Accounting and Analysis for Reporting Entities	3
ACCT I S 640	Foundation in Accounting Analytics	3
ACCT I S 740	Information Risk, Control, & Forensics	3
Named Option Courses		
ACCT I S 603	Financial Statement Analysis	3
ACCT I S 730	Advanced Auditing: Analysis, Policy, and Judgment	3
ACCT I S 770	Accounting Theory: Reporting Incentives and Consequences	3
ACCT I S 771	Analysis of Performance Measurement & Control	3
Specialization Courses		
Students must complete 1 of the 5 specializations detailed below.		9
<i>Risk Management Specialization</i>		
R M I 300	Principles of Risk Management	
or R M I 700	Principles of Risk Management	
R M I 660	Risk Analytics and Behavioral Science	
R M I 670	Cyber Risk & Regulations	
<i>Emerging Technologies Specialization</i>		
GEN BUS 760	Data Technology for Business Analytics	
MARKETNG/ OTM 727	Information Technology in Supply Chains	
R M I 670	Cyber Risk & Regulations	
<i>Sustainability Specialization</i>		
M H R 310	Challenges & Solutions in Business Sustainability	
or M H R 710	Challenges & Solutions in Business Sustainability	
M H R 617	Diversity in Organizations	
R M I 650	Sustainability, Environmental and Social Risk Management	
<i>Wealth Management Specialization</i>		
FINANCE/ ECON 320	Investment Theory	
FINANCE 601	Strategic Planning for Estates and Business Transitions	
FINANCE 602	Wealth Management & Financial Planning	
<i>M&A Deal Advisory Specialization</i>		

ACCT IS 772	Analysis of Taxes & Business Decisions
FINANCE 635	Business Valuation
FINANCE 650	Mergers and Acquisitions
Total Credits	30

Students in this program may not take courses outside the prescribed curriculum without faculty advisor and program director approval. Students in this program cannot enroll concurrently in other undergraduate or graduate degree programs.

POLICIES

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NAMED OPTION-SPECIFIC POLICIES

PRIOR COURSEWORK

Graduate Credits Earned at Other Institutions

With program approval, up to 6 credits of coursework at the graduate level of required or elective courses from an AACSB-accredited school, and in which a grade of B or better was earned, may transfer toward the degree. Coursework earned seven or more years prior to admission is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

Undergraduate Credits Earned at Other Institutions or UW-Madison

Up to 6 credits from courses numbered 300 or above of required or elective courses from the undergraduate work completed at UW-Madison or other institutions in which a B or better was earned may transfer towards fulfillment of the minimum degree credit requirement.

Work completed at other institutions is subject to program review for equivalency to required or elective courses. Undergraduate course work would not be allowed to count toward the 50% graduate coursework minimum unless numbered 700 or above. Coursework earned seven or more years prior to admission to a master's degree is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

Credits Earned as a Professional Student at UW-Madison (Law, Medicine, Pharmacy, and Veterinary careers)

Refer to the Graduate School: Transfer Credits for Prior Coursework (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216/>) policy.

Credits Earned as a University Special Student at UW-Madison

With program approval, students are allowed to transfer no more than 9 credits of coursework numbered 700 or above taken as a UW-Madison University Special student. Coursework earned seven or more years prior to the master's degree is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

PROBATION

Refer to the Graduate School: Probation (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1217/>) policy.

ADVISOR/COMMITTEE

Every graduate student is required to have an advisor. To ensure that students are making satisfactory progress toward a degree, the Graduate School expects them to meet with their advisor on a regular basis.

In many cases, an advisor is assigned to incoming students. An advisor is a staff member from the program department responsible for providing advice and guidance regarding graduate studies.

CREDITS PER TERM ALLOWED

15 credits.

TIME LIMITS

Refer to the Graduate School: Time Limits (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1221/>) policy.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

These resources may be helpful in addressing your concerns:

- Bias or Hate Reporting (<https://doso.students.wisc.edu/bias-or-hate-reporting/>)
- Graduate Assistantship Policies and Procedures (<https://hr.wisc.edu/policies/gapp/#grievance-procedure>)
- Hostile and Intimidating Behavior Policies and Procedures (<https://hr.wisc.edu/hib/>)
 - Office of the Provost for Faculty and Staff Affairs (<https://facstaff.provost.wisc.edu/>)
- Employee Assistance (<http://www.eao.wisc.edu/>) (for personal counseling and workplace consultation around communication and conflict involving graduate assistants and other employees, post-doctoral students, faculty and staff)
- Employee Disability Resource Office (<https://employeedisabilities.wisc.edu/>) (for qualified employees or applicants with disabilities to have equal employment opportunities)
- Graduate School (<https://grad.wisc.edu/>) (for informal advice at any level of review and for official appeals of program/departmental or school/college grievance decisions)
- Office of Compliance (<https://compliance.wisc.edu/>) (for class harassment and discrimination, including sexual harassment and sexual violence)
- Office Student Assistance and Support (OSAS) (<https://osas.wisc.edu/>) (for all students to seek grievance assistance and support)
- Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards (<https://conduct.students.wisc.edu/>) (for conflicts involving students)
- Ombuds Office for Faculty and Staff (<http://www.ombuds.wisc.edu/>) (for employed graduate students and post-docs, as well as faculty and staff)
- Title IX (<https://compliance.wisc.edu/titleix/>) (for concerns about discrimination)

Any student who feels that they have been mistreated by a faculty or staff member has the right to lodge a complaint. Complaints may concern course grades, classroom treatment, program admission, or other issues. To ensure a prompt and fair hearing of any complaint and to protect both the student's rights and the person at whom the

complaint is addressed, the grievance procedures below are used in the School of Business.

The person against whom the complaint is directed must be an employee of the School of Business. Any student or potential student may use these procedures unless other campus rules or contracts cover the complaint:

1. If the student feels comfortable/safe doing so, the student should first talk with the person against whom the grievance is directed. Most issues can be settled at this level. If the complaint is directed against a teaching assistant (TA) and the student is not satisfied after discussion of the grievance with the TA, the next step would be to talk to the TA's supervisor, who is usually the course professor. If the complaint is still not resolved satisfactorily, the student may continue to step 2.
2. If the complaint involves an academic department, the student should contact the chair of the department. The chair will attempt to resolve the problem informally. If this cannot be done to the student's satisfaction, the student may submit the grievance to the chair in writing. This must be done within 60 calendar days of the alleged unfair treatment.
 - a. If the complaint does not involve an academic department, the procedure outlined in Step 4 below should be followed.
3. On receipt of a written complaint, the chair will refer the matter to a departmental committee, which will obtain a written response from the person at whom the complaint is directed. This response shall be shared with the person filing the grievance. The chair will provide a written decision within 30 days to the student on the action taken by the committee.
4. If either party is not satisfied with the decision, they have five working days from receipt of the decision to contact the dean's office (at the number below), indicating the intention to appeal. If the complaint does not involve an academic department in the school, the student must contact the dean's office within 60 calendar days of the alleged unfair treatment.
5. In either case, there will be an attempt to resolve the issue informally by the appropriate associate dean. If this cannot be done, the complaint can be filed in writing with the Office of the Dean. This must be done within 10 working days of the time the appealing party was notified that informal resolution was unsuccessful.
6. On receipt of such a written complaint, the Chief Engagement, Culture, and Organizational Effectiveness Officer will convene a subcommittee of relevant stakeholders pending the nature of the issue. This subcommittee may ask for additional information from the parties involved and may hold a hearing at which both parties will be asked to speak separately. The subcommittee will then make a written recommendation to the dean of the School of Business who will render a decision. Unless a longer time is negotiated, this written decision shall be made within 20 working days from when the grievance was filed with the Office of the Dean.

Questions about these procedures can be directed to the School of Business, Office of the Dean, 4339 Grainger, 975 University Avenue, 608-262-7867.

State law contains additional provisions regarding discrimination and harassment. Wisconsin Statutes 36.12 reads, in part: "No student may be denied admission to, participation in or the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any service, program, course or facility of the system or its institutions or center because of the student's race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, disability, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital status or parental status." In addition, the UW System prohibits discrimination based on gender identity or gender

expression. Students have the right to file discrimination and harassment complaints with the Office of Compliance, 361 Bascom Hall, 608-265-6018, uwcomplianceoffice@wisc.edu.

The Graduate School has procedures for students wishing to appeal a grievance decision at the school/college level. These policies are described in the Graduate School's Academic Policies and Procedures: <https://grad.wisc.edu/documents/grievances-and-appeals/>

OTHER

Department-sponsored funding is available on a competitive basis to all Master of Science in Business: Accounting and Business Analysis students. In addition, teaching assistantships may be available.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES**

Take advantage of the Graduate School's professional development resources (<https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/>) to build skills, thrive academically, and launch your career.