

Michigan State University  
Master of Science in Accounting



Educating Tomorrow's  
Accounting Leaders

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## Perfect Fit, Exceptional Quality

At Michigan State University, you can earn a Master of Science in Accounting in a superior one-year program that provides options and flexibility while you learn from the best—Broad School Department of Accounting and Information Systems full-time faculty.





For more than a quarter of a century, the Department of Accounting at The Eli Broad College of Business at Michigan State University has been the state's largest provider of certified public accountants (CPAs). In addition to a large and nationally ranked undergraduate accounting program, the department has a successful, highly regarded master's program in accounting.

### **START YOUR CAREER WITH AN ADVANTAGE**

To be a CPA in Michigan and most other states, a student must earn 150 university semester credit hours. To meet this requirement we have developed a program that meets the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) requirements for a master's degree in accounting. There are many good reasons to earn this degree before starting a full-time career. Most importantly, many Michigan CPA firms, especially the largest ones, are committed to hiring students with a master's degree. This means that many of your peers will have this desirable life-long credential. It is also convenient—you can study for and pass the CPA exam during your master's year, and avoid the risk of never having completed the requirements for CPA certification.

The master's of science in accounting program enhances an accountant's ability to analyze global issues, leverage technology, and communicate effectively. This program enables bachelor's degree graduates to earn the additional credit hours required for CPA certification during a fifth year of graduate study.

This brochure is intended to give you an overview of the Broad School's Master of Science in Accounting Program. We invite you to obtain more information by visiting the program's website, attending one of the information sessions that discuss the program in more detail, or meeting with the program director.

## Why Michigan State University?

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MSU's Eli Broad College of Business stands out among accounting programs. Take these qualities into account when comparing graduate schools.

**NATIONAL RANKING IN ACCOUNTING:** Both the undergraduate and graduate programs in accounting are consistently ranked among the top 10 public universities in the United States.

**SPECIALIZATION OPTIONS AVAILABLE:** Four specialization options offer students flexibility to focus on individual areas of interest.

**LARGE PROGRAM, UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES:** MSU's Master of Science in Accounting program is the largest in the state, offering a large number of different courses, options and electives. It also attracts many recruiters who are interested in the large number of qualified graduates this program produces.

**COMMUNICATION CENTER:** The Department has established a communication center designed to improve written and oral communication skills of master's in accounting students.

**25-YEAR TRADITION:** Michigan State University has had a successful master's program in accounting since the early 1970s. With time and experience, the program has become a state-of-the-art program.

**MBA COURSES AVAILABLE AS ELECTIVES:** The Eli Broad Graduate School of Management MBA Program is among the highest ranked programs in the nation. Selected courses in the MBA program are available to master's in accounting students.



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**INFORMATION SYSTEMS OFFERINGS:** The availability of an information systems option caters to students interested in an accounting career in addition to gaining expertise in information systems.

**HIGH ADMISSION STANDARDS:** High admission standards mean competent classmates that elevate the level of learning for everyone, and allow our faculty to teach at the highest possible level.

**LARGE NUMBER OF RECRUITERS:** Our national reputation and excellent students have resulted in our designation as a “key recruiting university” by all Big Four CPA firms. We are also a major source of hiring for many other CPA firms, consulting firms and corporations.

**SUPERIOR PLACEMENT FACILITY:** The Lear Corporation Career Services Center is a state-of-the-art placement center that attracts many diverse employers to hire program graduates.

**EXCELLENT FACULTY:** All courses are taught by full-time permanent faculty specializing in the courses they teach. The faculty have national reputations as teachers and researchers.

**COST-EFFECTIVE:** This program is among the least costly of all Big Ten university master’s in accounting programs.

**CPA REVIEW COURSES AVAILABLE ON CAMPUS:** Becker Conviser offers a CPA professional review course at the Kellogg Center on the MSU campus.

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*—Laura A. Rasico, Campus Recruiting Manager,  
PricewaterhouseCoopers, Tax and Legal Services*