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International Tax Advisor
IT Risk Specialist
Accounting Analyst
Tax Accountant
Accounting Information Systems Specialist

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Students in the Master of Accountancy program are given an in-depth view of issues related to the profession and provided with the ethical and conceptual frameworks to resolve them. They also develop lifelong skills—research, writing, communicating and analytical reasoning—that prepare them for leadership positions in the field.

The MAcc graduate degree is preferred or even required for most management positions, and it can position students to earn a professional credential because it is structured to meet the requirements for the Certified Public Accountant exam in the state of Florida. In addition, a MAcc degree from USF’s Lynn Pippenger School of Accountancy qualifies graduate students to teach undergraduate accounting courses at the community college or university level.

The Lynn Pippenger School of Accountancy is one of 181 business schools to hold separate accounting accreditation by AACSB International—the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. There are more than 13,000 business schools worldwide.

The Master of Accountancy program is 30 credit hours, with 24 credit hours devoted to accounting coursework. Students will choose a concentration in assurance, corporate accounting or tax. Nearly all courses are offered in the evening to accommodate students working full-time. Classes usually have no more than 35 students and most employ an interactive, discussion-based format.

The program’s other six credit hours are elective courses from other areas of business. Students consult with the MAcc program advisor to select two courses from economics, entrepreneurship, finance, or information systems/decision sciences.
Coursework

Core Accounting Courses (6 credit hours)
- ACG 6875 - Financial Reporting and Professional Issues
- ACG 6936 - Innovation and Analytics in Accounting

Concentration (12 credit hours)

Assurance Concentration
- ACG 6457 - Accounting Systems, Audit, Control & Security
Select 3 courses from:
- ACG 6636 - Contemporary Issues in Auditing
- ACG 5675 - Internal and Operational Auditing
- ACG 6688 - Forensic Accounting and Legal Environment
- ISM 6328 - Information Security & Risk Management

Corporate Accounting Concentration
- ACG 6346 - Contemporary Issues in Managerial Accounting
- ACG 5675 - Internal and Operational Auditing
- TAX 5015 - Federal Taxation for Business Entities
Select 1 course from:
- FIN 6416 - Advanced Financial Management
- FIN 6465 - Financial Statement Analysis

Tax Concentration
- TAX 5015 - Taxation of Business Entities
- TAX 6134 - Advanced Corporate Taxation
- TAX 6005 - Advanced Partnership Taxation
- TAX 6065 - Contemporary Issues in Taxation

Accounting Electives (6 credit hours)
- ACG 5205 - Advanced Financial Accounting
- ACG 5505 - Government Not-For-Profit Accounting
- ACG/TAX - Course from another concentration

Non-Accounting Electives (6 credit hours)
Courses from other areas of business. These are chosen in consultation with the MAcc advisor. Examples include:
- BUL 5332 - Law and the Accountant
- GEB 6457 - Ethics, Law and Sustainable Business Practices
- MAN 6448 - Negotiating Agreements and Resolving Conflicts
- ENT 6126 - Strategic Entrepreneurship
- FIN 6515 - Investments
- ISM 6137 - Statistical Data Mining

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- Gary Laursen,
  Associate Professor of Accounting and Law
**Admission Requirements**

- 3.00 overall upper-level GPA and a 3.00 GPA in all upper-level accounting courses (minimum of 21 hours at a U.S. regionally accredited program generally within the past five years); OR completion of the following “foundation” courses with a minimum grade of B in each course: Intermediate Financial Accounting I (ACG 3103), Intermediate Financial Accounting II (ACG 3113), Cost Accounting and Control I (ACG 3341), Accounting Information Systems (ACG 3401), Auditing I (ACG 4632), Concepts of Federal Income Taxation (TAX 4001).

- Minimum GMAT score of 500 or higher or equivalent GRE score of 305. Students may apply for a GMAT waiver if the student has obtained an undergraduate degree from USF in Tampa and earned a GPA of at least 3.3 in the six core accounting major courses.

Students with undergraduate degrees with majors other than accounting are encouraged to contact Undergraduate Advising at the Muma College of Business.

**Financial Assistance**

The Lynn Pippenger School of Accountancy offers a number of scholarships, graduate teaching assistantships, tutoring opportunities and Student Excellence Grants to Tampa USF students. Please visit the USF Financial Aid website at www.usf.edu/finaid for other sources of financial assistance.

**How to Apply**

Applications are submitted online at grad.usf.edu and are evaluated as they are received. Admissions decisions are usually made within four weeks. Non-USF transcripts must be submitted with application. Application deadlines are:

- **Summer:** February 15
- **Fall:** June 1
- **Spring:** October 15

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