


# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING



## EXPAND YOUR ACCOUNTING EXPERTISE—AND YOUR CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Globalization, a growing economy, and a complex tax and regulatory environment are expected to continue to lead to strong demand for accountants and auditors. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that those with an advanced degree in accounting may have an advantage in this job market.<sup>1</sup> Purdue University Global's outcomes-based master's program helps you develop the accounting skills and expertise required for management, consultant, or independent practitioner roles across a wide range of industries. You can build relevant job proficiencies, gain a valuable professional credential, and prepare for additional industry certifications.

## WHY STUDY ACCOUNTING AT PURDUE GLOBAL?

### ONLINE FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING ADULTS

Earn your degree 100% online, while meeting the demands of your career. You can also visit one of our regional locations to take advantage of local, onsite support and services.

### CAREER-FOCUSED CONCENTRATIONS

Prepare to take on leadership roles in areas such as auditing, tax, government, and financial accounting.

### FACULTY EXPERTISE

Learn from practicing professionals with extensive experience in business and education. All professors possess advanced academic degrees.

### ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING

Work directly with faculty during online discussion boards and faculty office hours, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

### NATIONALLY RANKED AND RESPECTED

Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue University is ranked in the top 10 best public universities in the U.S. by *The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education*.<sup>2</sup>



Purdue University Global business programs are accredited by the **Accrediting Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)**.

## PROGRAM OUTCOMES SUPPORT YOUR CAREER GROWTH

### Build the Core Skills and Competencies That Employers Demand

- Integrate accounting knowledge to take well-reasoned action in diverse situations.
- Assess accounting issues and opportunities in dynamic environments.
- Evaluate the ethical and social implications of business and accounting decisions in a global context.
- Evaluate the theory, principles, and practices of accounting and accounting information systems.
- Integrate challenging work that will prepare students for accounting professional exams.
- Communicate professionally through writing and presentations with stakeholders.

### Prepare for Certification<sup>3</sup>

As a graduate, you may be eligible to sit for professional credentialing examinations, such as:

- Uniform Certified Public Accountant (CPA)<sup>4</sup>
- Certified Internal Auditor (CIA<sup>®</sup>)
- Certified Management Accountant (CMA<sup>®</sup>)

# CURRICULUM

All courses are reviewed and revised continually by our dedicated curriculum department and advisory board to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in the field. The curriculum focuses on:

- Overall department management
- Generating and analyzing accounting data
- Creating quality improvement processes
- Compliance strategies and reimbursement procedures
- Conducting research
- Addressing risk management and legal issues.

## COURSES INCLUDE:

- **Business Communications**
- **Advanced Auditing**
- **Ethical Issues in Business and Accounting**
- **Advanced Managerial/Cost Accounting**
- **Regulation**
- **Corporate Tax Decisions and Strategies**
- **Economics for Global Decision Makers**
- **Financial Accounting and Reporting**
- **Accounting concentration courses**

## CONCENTRATION AREAS

Customize your degree plan to develop specialized expertise in your chosen area of accounting:

- **Audit:** Focus on accounting information systems, fraud examination, and internal control assessment and design.
- **Finance:** Focus on accounting research methods, enterprise risk analysis and planning, international accounting, and global financial reporting.
- **Government:** Focus on budgeting, financial reporting, and auditing standards for governmental and non-profit organizations; accounting information systems; and internal control.
- **Tax:** Focus on international tax planning and issues, tax research and the IRS, and taxation of estates and trusts.

## PROGRAM DETAIL

**Credit Hours:** 52 (13 courses total)

**Core:** 36 (9 courses)

**Electives:** 16 (4 courses)

**Program Length:** Less than 2 years of full-time study

**Course Load:** 1-2 courses per term

**Terms:** 6 weeks long

**Start Dates:** Throughout the year

**Delivery:** 100% online



## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

### Master's Degrees

- Business Administration (MBA)
- Finance
- Information Technology
- Management and Leadership

### Graduate Business Certificates

- Accounting
- Human Resources
- Project Management

# CAREER AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

## INDUSTRY OUTLOOK<sup>1</sup>

- Employment of accountants and auditors is projected to grow faster than the average from 2016 to 2026.
- This will result in nearly 140,000 new jobs.
- Those who have a master's in accounting may have better job prospects.
- A master's degree in accounting or higher is often necessary for certain positions.

## CAREER PATHWAYS AND OUTCOMES<sup>6</sup>

### Roles

- Public accountant
- Management accountant
- Government accountant
- Internal auditor
- Tax accountant
- Financial manager
- Budget analyst

### Settings/Industries

- Accounting firms
- Corporate accounting or tax departments
- Not-for-profit organizations
- Large and small businesses
- Government agencies

## CAREER SERVICES

Our Career Specialists connect accounting students with job and networking opportunities and offer the following assistance:

- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND HONOR SOCIETIES

- Delta Mu Delta Honor Society
- Business and Management Student Association



## Purdue Global Is Accredited by The Higher Learning Commission

This accreditation covers all academic programs, all regional locations, and all programs provided via distance education. Contact the HLC at [HLCommission.org](http://HLCommission.org) or call 800-621-7440.

## Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

This accolade was awarded prior to the March 2018 purchase of Kaplan University by Purdue University and subsequent creation of Purdue University Global. Purdue Global cannot guarantee future accolades.



Contact an Admissions Advisor at **844-PURDUE-G** or visit **[www.PurdueGlobal.edu](http://www.PurdueGlobal.edu)**.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer and gainful employment information, visit [Info.PurdueGlobal.edu](http://Info.PurdueGlobal.edu).

1 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Accountants and Auditors. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

2 Source: [www.timeshighereducation.com/rankings/united-states/2018](http://www.timeshighereducation.com/rankings/united-states/2018). Rankings apply to Purdue University – West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.

3 Students are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams. In some cases, work experience, additional coursework beyond the Purdue Global program, fieldwork, and/or background checks may be necessary to be eligible to take or to successfully pass the exams.

4 To sit for the CPA Exam, students may need to take additional courses at the undergraduate or graduate level to meet individual state requirements. This program was not designed to meet any specific state's requirements for licensure or certification, and Purdue Global makes no representations or warranties as to whether the degree or any individual courses meet such requirements. Refer to the University Catalog for additional information. The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams. In some cases, work experience, additional coursework beyond the Purdue Global program, fieldwork, and/or background checks may be necessary to be eligible to take or to successfully pass the exams.

5 This testimonial was obtained by Kaplan University. Purdue University acquired Kaplan University in March 2018 and created Purdue University Global, which is following the same curriculum format and instructional delivery methods as developed and used by Kaplan University. The views and opinions expressed are those of the individual; student experiences may vary.

6 Purdue Global cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization.