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. 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 public accounting, private/corporate accounting, and tax.

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.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES SUPPORT YOUR CAREER GROWTH

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<th>Build the Core Skills and Competencies That Employers Demand</th>
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<td>• Integrate accounting knowledge to take well-reasoned action in diverse situations.</td>
<td>As a graduate, you may be eligible to sit for professional credentialing examinations, such as:</td>
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<td>• Assess accounting issues and opportunities in dynamic environments.</td>
<td>• Uniform Certified Public Accountant (CPA)⁴</td>
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<td>• Evaluate the ethical and social implications of business and accounting decisions in a global context.</td>
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<td>• Evaluate the theory, principles, and practices of accounting and accounting information systems.</td>
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<td>• Integrate challenging work that will prepare students for accounting professional exams.</td>
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<td>• Communicate professionally through writing and presentations with stakeholders.</td>
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Purdue University Global business programs are accredited by the Accrediting Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). For more information on Purdue University Global’s ACBSP accreditation, visit www.acbsp.org.
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:

- Public Accounting—CPA Track: Focus on developing financial accounting, audit, tax, and planning skills relevant to CPA candidates. Governmental accounting, business advising, and analytical skills are also explored.
- Private/Corporate Accounting—CMA Track: Focus on private sector accounting skills including planning, budgeting, analysis, internal control, and decision support.
- 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

“The University offered the best overall value. The online aspect was ideal for accommodating my needs as a working professional earning my graduate degree.”

Blake Wells
Master of Science in Accounting Graduate

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

• Employment of accountants and auditors is projected to grow from 2019 to 2029.
• This will result in more than 60,000 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.

THE CENTER FOR CAREER ADVANCEMENT

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

CAREER PATHWAYS AND OUTCOMES

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

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STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND HONOR SOCIETIES

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

Purdue Global Is Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

The HLC (HLCommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Military Friendly

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

Contact an Admissions Advisor at 844-PURDUE-G or visit PurdueGlobal.edu.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit Info.PurdueGlobal.edu.


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. Licensing requirements to sit for the CPA exam vary from state to state. You should review your state’s educational requirements by visiting the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy website as well as your state’s CPA licensing requirements, which can be found at the Accountancy Licensing Library. Refer to Licensure.PurdueGlobal.edu for additional information on licensure and state authorizations.

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 by organization.