



## Master of Science in **ACCOUNTING**

### Come Back With More Accounting Expertise — and Career Opportunities

With globalization and an increasingly complex tax and regulatory environment, the demand for accountants and auditors is continuing to grow. This means that there's no better time for you to start your comeback. Purdue Global's outcomes-based master's program helps you develop the skills and expertise required for management, consultant, or independent practitioner roles across a wide range of industries. Build the job proficiencies employers are looking for, gain a valuable professional credential, and prepare for additional industry certifications.



# Why Study Accounting at Purdue Global?

## **Built for Working Adults**

Complete courses online, without compromising your work or family schedule.

## **Backed by the Power of Purdue**

Earn a degree you can be proud of — and one that employers will respect. Achieve more in the accounting field with a name that opens doors in your career.

## **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 accounting and education. All professors possess advanced academic degrees.

## **Personal Support**

Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and seminars, 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>1</sup>



Purdue Global business programs are accredited by the **Accrediting Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)**. For more information on Purdue Global's ACBSP accreditation, visit [www.acbsp.org](http://www.acbsp.org).

# 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>2</sup>**

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

- Uniform Certified Public Accountant (CPA)<sup>3</sup>
- Certified Internal Auditor (CIA®)
- Certified Management Accountant (CMA®)

# 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 Details

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

**Core:** 36 (9 courses)

**Electives:** 16 (4 courses)

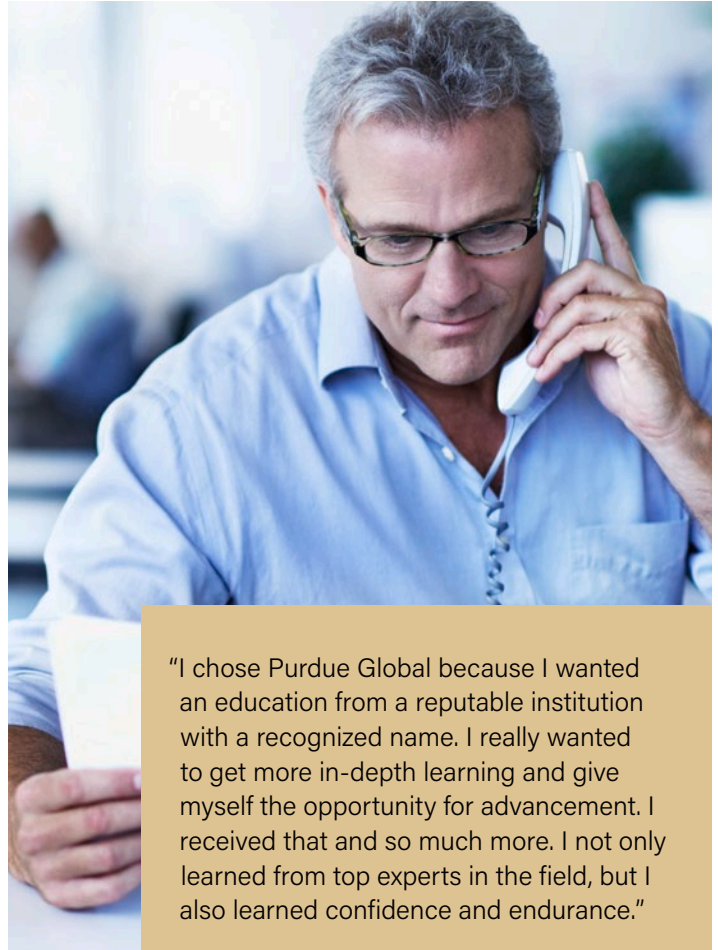
**Program Length:** Less than 2 years of full-time study

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

**Terms:** 10 weeks long

**Start Dates:** Throughout the year

**Delivery:** 100% online



"I chose Purdue Global because I wanted an education from a reputable institution with a recognized name. I really wanted to get more in-depth learning and give myself the opportunity for advancement. I received that and so much more. I not only learned from top experts in the field, but I also learned confidence and endurance."

**Karin Ocegüera**  
Master of Science in Accounting Graduate<sup>4</sup>

## 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>5</sup>

- Employment of accountants and auditors is projected to grow from 2021 to 2031.
- This will result in more than 80,000 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

## 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

## 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 (HLCCommission.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](tel:844-PURDUE-G) or visit [purdueglobal.edu](http://purdueglobal.edu).**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit [info.purdueglobal.edu](http://info.purdueglobal.edu).

<sup>1</sup> Source: <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states>. Rankings apply to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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](http://Licensure.PurdueGlobal.edu) for additional information on licensure and state authorizations.

<sup>4</sup> This testimonial was obtained by Purdue University Global. The views and opinions expressed are those of the individual; student experiences may vary.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> Purdue Global does not guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary by organization.