MS in Accountancy
A Duquesne University business education will provide you with a lifetime of success. Are you looking to enhance your value as a communicator, analyst and responsible leader in the accounting profession? If so, Duquesne’s MS in Accountancy (MAcc) program will help you get there. It’s time for bigger goals!
Accounting excellence based in ethical leadership.

In just nine months, Duquesne’s MAcc will take your accounting career to a higher level. You will expand your career opportunities and maximize your earning potential. Our MAcc program will help you become a successful accounting professional or business leader who makes a difference.

- The 30-credit program is focused on forensic accounting, financial reporting and information systems with an emphasis on ethical issues facing accountants.
- You can complete the program full-time in just nine months or part-time in less than two years.
- Through small class sizes, hands-on learning and individualized attention throughout the program, your Duquesne experience is uniquely your own.
- Combined with your undergraduate degree, the program enables you to meet the 150 academic credit hours required to take the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam in Pennsylvania and most other states.
- Duquesne MAcc students perform well on the CPA exam with pass rates exceeding the state and national averages.

Candidates for admission to the MAcc program must have successfully completed a minimum of 15 undergraduate credits in accounting.

A degree of distinction.

Our school and program have earned recognition both nationally and internationally:

- Accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International). Less than five percent of the world’s business programs have earned this prestigious accreditation.

Passionate faculty with practical experience.

Duquesne’s professors are world-renowned scholars. Additionally, our faculty include executives with decades of diverse industry experience and a personalized learning approach, guided by an advisory council of distinguished leaders who help to keep our programs on the cutting-edge. Our professors will engage you with practical wisdom that connects theory to practice and prepare you to make an impact in the workplace from day one.

In addition to CPA licensure, our MAcc will help prepare you for other licensure exams, such as:

- Certified Management Accountant (CMA)
- Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)
- Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)
- Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)

Your future unfolding.

As a student, and even after graduation, you’ll benefit from the job search as well as employment and career planning resources offered through Duquesne’s Center for Career Development and within the School of Business. Whether you choose a Big Four accounting firm, local CPA office, corporate accounting division, government agency or nonprofit organization, you will be prepared to launch a rewarding career.

Duquesne’s MAcc program focuses on preparation for the CPA exam. In addition, the small class sizes and interaction with professors and executives in Pittsburgh made the decision to pursue a MAcc a no-brainer for me.”
- Sean Bogosta
MAcc 2015
EY People Advisory Services
Senior Consultant

And as a graduate of our MAcc program, you will join a network of more than 90,000 proud Duquesne alumni who are professionals in every type of organization, around the corner and across the globe. Duquesne alumni chapters can be found in major cities across the United States. They’ll provide you with solid professional connections and excellent networking opportunities.

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Invest in yourself.

The real value of a Duquesne education is in how well it prepares you for a lifetime of success. Duquesne's graduate school programs are nationally ranked by U.S. News & World Report, including #4 Best Value School in Pennsylvania for quality academics and value.

Do you qualify for a GMAT/GRE waiver? You may be able to waive the GMAT or GRE if you:

- graduated from an AACSB accredited business school within the past 10 years and earned a 3.25 or greater cumulative GPA and a 3.0 GPA or greater in accounting classes. Exceptions are made on a case-by-case basis for those graduating with an undergraduate degree from a non-AACSB accredited program.
- have previously earned a graduate degree. Factors considered in the waiver decision include the program of study and your academic record as indicated on official transcripts.

Assistantships are available for qualified Duquesne MAcc students. Visit duq.edu/macc to learn more.

Pittsburgh: one of America’s most livable cities.

Recently named the Best Big City in the Northeast on Money Magazine's annual “Best Places” list, Pittsburgh features amazing cultural and recreational destinations, and access to hundreds of great employers who will be eager for the innovative thinking you’ll offer as a Duquesne graduate.

Duquesne’s beautiful, 50-acre parklike campus is adjacent to Pittsburgh’s downtown business district. Home to six Fortune 500 corporations, the city is a growing hub for financial services, health care, technology and start-ups.

Our connections will set you apart.

Our alumni demonstrate that innovative leaders with solution-oriented mindsets improve the business world. Duquesne’s MAcc graduates work for the Big Four, regional and non-public accounting firms, as well as leading companies, including:

- BDO
- BNY Mellon
- Deloitte
- Ernst & Young
- FedEx
- Grant Thornton
- Grossman Yanak & Ford
- KPMG
- PNC
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Schneider Downs

Join Beta Alpha Psi

Duquesne’s Beta Alpha Psi is the premier national honorary accounting fraternity. Less than five percent of AACSB International accredited schools eligible for membership have achieved active status. The fraternity sponsors professional growth and development programs, as well as community and University service activities.

We are recognized as a certified School of internal auditing by the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA). Of the 30+ USA-based schools on the global certification list, the Palumbo-Donahue School of Business is the only IIA-certified graduate accounting program in the state of Pennsylvania.

Become CPA ready in two semesters.

Courses in the 30-credit curriculum include:

**Fall Term**
- Fraud Examination
- Advanced Financial Reporting
- Business Analytics for Decision Making
- Non-Profit and Governmental Accounting
- Elective

**Spring Term**
- SEC Reporting
- Contemporary Topics in Financial Reporting
- Internal Audit
- Information Systems Audit and Control
- Elective

Admissions Criteria

The MAcc Program accepts students in the fall semester. We take a holistic approach in reviewing applications. The following are required for admissions consideration:

- Official Transcripts
- GMAT/GRE Scores (waivers are available to qualified candidates)
- Résumé
- Application Essays
- Two letters of recommendation (professional or academic)
- TOEFL or IELTS (for international applicants). A TOEFL score of 90iBT, an IELTS score of 7.0 or better, or a DET score of 115 or better is required for admissions consideration.
- Prerequisite courses with a B average or higher in Financial Accounting, Managerial Accounting, Intermediate Accounting I, Intermediate Accounting II, and Auditing.

If you have questions about your application, please contact grad-bus@duq.edu or 412.396.6276 for more information.
About Duquesne

Duquesne is nationally recognized for its outstanding academic and research programs and its commitment to community service and sustainability. The university has earned accolades from U.S. News & World Report, Princeton Review, Bloomberg Businessweek and Washington Monthly Magazine.

Be a difference maker.

Ready to invest in yourself and make a difference in business? We are ready to be your partner to achieve your goals. To learn more about our MAcc:

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