



*In the Patterson School of Accountancy at
The University of Mississippi, we're interested in
the bottom line...*

professionalism



ADMISSION AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Master of Accountancy degree requires 30 semester hours of course work. Admission to the program is based on the applicant's undergraduate record and the score made on the Graduate Management Admission Test. Generally, a GMAT score of 450 or higher is required for admission. International students must earn a TOEFL score of 600 or above on a paper-based test or at least 250 on the computer-based test.

PREREQUISITES

Students must present credit or other proof of accomplishment in the following undergraduate courses: Financial (Intermediate) Accounting I and II, Cost Control, Auditing, Advanced Accounting (Consolidations), Income Tax I, Business Law, Principles of Economics I and II, Economic Statistics I and II, Introduction to Business Law, Management Principles, Marketing Principles, Business Calculus, Business Policy, and computer knowledge.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Required Accountancy Courses	Hours
509 Income Taxes II	3
601 Seminar in Accounting Theory	3
605 Cost/Managerial Accounting	3
610 Auditing Seminar	3
Total Required Accountancy Courses	12
Accountancy Electives at 500/600 level	12
Approved Non-Accountancy Electives	6
TOTAL for Master of Accountancy Degree	30

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

The Master of Accountancy is designed to provide a fifth year of accounting education. The objective of the Master of Accountancy program is to give students a greater breadth and depth in accounting and perhaps a specialization in a particular area. The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants recommends five years of academic study to obtain the professional knowledge for a career in accounting, and more than 46 states (including Mississippi and surrounding states) have laws requiring five years of study as a prerequisite to sit for the CPA examination.

The Patterson School of Accountancy is one of the few independent schools of accountancy in the nation. The Patterson School of Accountancy's master's program received separate accounting accreditation in May 1983 and was reaccredited in 2002 by AACSB International.

The distinguished and dedicated accountancy faculty truly set the program apart from its competition. Classes are small, allowing professors to give students plenty of personal attention. Recruiters often say our faculty know their students better than faculty at any other school know theirs. The program offered at UM-DeSoto is primarily live. This means the same distinguished and dedicated faculty who teach on the Oxford campus will be on-site to instruct and to provide assistance to you.

FACULTY

The University of Mississippi graduate accountancy faculty is among the most qualified in the nation. Students in the Master of Accountancy program at Ole Miss have an opportunity to work with well-trained faculty who are professionally active. All graduate courses are taught by doctorally qualified professors who hold at least one professional certification. All accountancy faculty members are certified public accountants, and some also hold the CMA, CIA, and CFE certificates. All are experienced in widely diverse fields of accounting. Faculty members have written more than 50 books in their fields of specialty and published more than 400 journal articles.

- Pascal Bizarro, Ph.D., The University of Alabama
- Homer H. Burkett, D.B.A., Florida State University (Emeritus)
- Judith H. Cassidy, Ph.D., Texas Tech University
- James W. Davis, Ph.D., The University of Mississippi
- Rick Elam, Ph.D., The University of Missouri
- Dale L. Flesher, Ph.D., The University of Cincinnati
- Tonya K. Flesher, Ph.D., The University of Mississippi
- Howard Lawrence, Ph.D., The University of Mississippi
- Duffy Morf, Ph.D., The University of Mississippi
- Dave L. Nichols, Ph.D., Oklahoma State University
- Elizabeth Payne, Ph.D., The University of Kentucky
- J Riley Shaw, Ph.D., Oklahoma State University
- Morris H. Stocks, Ph.D., University of South Carolina
- Charles W. Taylor, Ph.D., The University of Texas (Emeritus)
- Karl Wang, Ph.D., The University of South Carolina
- W. Mark Wilder, Ph.D., Florida State University

ACCOUNTANCY ELECTIVES

12 hours

501	Internal/Operational Auditing	603	Seminar in Contemporary Taxation
515	Accounting Problems	612	Tax Research Seminar
521	International Accounting	625	International Taxation
525	Professional Report Writing	626	Estate and Gift Taxation
560	Information Technology Auditing	633	Income Taxation of Corporations and Shareholders*
609	Systems Seminar**	634	Taxation of Partners and Partnerships*
690	Professionalism, Policy and Research		

*Cross-listed with Law School and offered only in Oxford

**Required of students not having an undergraduate systems course

APPROVED NON-ACCOUNTANCY ELECTIVES

6 hours

All graded courses at the 500 level or above in Business, Law, and Pharmacy are automatically approved.

ACCY 525 (Report Writing) may be counted as either an accountancy or non-accountancy elective.

Up to 3 hours of credit in ACCY 525 [Internship] may be counted as a non-accountancy elective.

TIME FRAME

Students must complete four required accounting courses, four elective accounting courses, and two non-accountancy electives. Courses will be half-semester courses offered in six to seven mini-sessions each year. Students taking one class each mini-session can expect to complete the program requirements in less than two years. Students may enter at the beginning of any mini-session but should plan to attend those sessions offering required courses as they will be offered in a specific rotation. Visit the web site for a more detailed course rotation schedule: www.olemiss.edu/southaven/accountancy

Sitting out a session offering a required course may mean waiting 15 months before the course is offered again. Students may sit out a session offering an elective and take another elective later. Non-accountancy electives are tailored to the students' specific needs and are chosen in consultation with the student. English 250 is a recommended course for most students and all courses at the 500 level or above in business, law, and pharmacy are automatically approved.

Classes will meet for 2 hours and 45 minutes twice a week on Monday and Thursday nights for six weeks.

PLACEMENT

Assisted by the University's Career Center, graduates with master's degrees receive offers from many of the largest industrial and CPA firms in the world. All of the major international CPA firms recruit UM students.

FINANCIAL AID

A limited number of graduate assistantships are available for qualified graduate students. Non-service fellowships are also awarded by the Graduate School to candidates meeting its criteria for excellence. All students admitted are considered for such aid.

The University of Mississippi-DeSoto Center awards a number of Robert D. Oesterling Scholarships each year to entering graduate students who do not meet the requirements for Mississippi residency. The scholarship covers out-of-state tuition. The recipient of an Oesterling Scholarship is selected on the basis of his or her academic record. Graduate students must have a 3.2 GPA to be eligible and must maintain a 3.0 during the scholarship year. Students must reapply each semester for the scholarship. Continuing awards are contingent on satisfactory academic performance.

THE CAMPUS

Located at 5197 W.E. Ross Parkway in the Northwest Mississippi Community facility in Southaven, The University of Mississippi DeSoto Center is a convenient educational facility in the heart of DeSoto County. The Center is easily accessible from I-55 off Church Road.

The DeSoto Center offers new classrooms and state-of-the-art technology. Videoconferencing capabilities, distance-learning classrooms, and computer-equipped classrooms throughout the 95,000 square-foot facility give students access to the world and provide a rich environment for learning and growing. The Center also contains academic suites, study lounges, and ample parking.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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For application: http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/graduate_school/applyonline.php

For GMAT Testing: Pearson's Professional Center, Memphis, TN Telephone: 901-761-3372