Master of Science in Professional Accounting

Who pursues this program?
- Students who want to become Certified Public Accountants (CPA).
- Students who completed an undergraduate degree in accounting or other academic area and then desire to enter WTAMU’s graduate MPA program.
- Individuals who have been working in a very diverse group of professions and have decided accounting would be a better career path.

How does the program work?
- Primarily an in-class program, but a few courses are offered online.
- 36-hour program that can be completed in 12-18 months. Part-time students usually complete the program in two to three years.
- Thesis and non-thesis options.

How will this degree benefit me?
Accounting is the language of business. Consequently, many business students find accounting to be their pathway to success. Accounting offers a well-defined, stable job market. Every business includes an accounting function and needs one or more accountants.

The graduates of our program have met all of the requirements to sit for the CPA Exam in the state of Texas. Public accounting offers a very interesting, challenging, and well-paid career path.

What courses will I take?
- Thesis option: 30 semester hours in advanced and graduate courses, including at least 18 semester hours in accounting.
- Non-Thesis Option: 36 semester hours in advanced and graduate courses, including at least 18 semester hours in accounting.

The College of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).
Admission Criteria and Application Guidelines

**Full Admission**
- Submit official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
- Undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher.
- GMAT score in the 50th percentile or higher in one or more testing areas (math, verbal, or analytical).
  - While all applicants are encouraged to take the GMAT exam, those with an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher may opt out of taking the GMAT exam by submitting the GMAT Score Waiver Request Form located online: www.wtamu.edu/mpa
- Proficiency in foundation business courses and accounting courses.
- To be submitted to the Department of Accounting:
  - Resume showing career progression
  - Statement of goals for pursuing a graduate business degree
  - Three Letters of Recommendation

**Conditional Admission**
- Submit official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
- Undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher.
- GMAT score in the 25th percentile or higher in the composite score.
- Proficiency in foundation business courses and accounting courses.
- To be submitted to the Department of Accounting:
  - Resume showing career progression
  - Statement of goals for pursuing a graduate business degree
  - Three Letters of Recommendation

**Suggested Deadlines to Apply**
- August 1 for Fall admission
- December 1 for Spring admission
- May 1 for Summer admission

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