

# Accounting

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The Jenkins Master of Accounting (MAC) program provides exceptional education and real-world experience that equip students to take their careers to the next level. Whether pursued on campus and in-person or taken entirely online, the program's curriculum is designed to provide students with a broad understanding of accounting and business practices, as well as a rigorous technical accounting education. Students have the choice of two tracks (public accounting or business and industry) to meet the needs of their career goals in the accounting profession. They can choose to complement these core courses with specializations in Enterprise Risk Management, Information Technology, or Tax Strategy.

The curriculum is focused on both preparing you for the CPA exam and developing real-world skills, and learning doesn't stop in the classroom. MAC students can study abroad, lead financial literacy courses on campus or in the community, work with real companies in practicum exercises and take advantage of innovative learning opportunities.

## Admission Requirements

Admission to the MAC program is competitive. The best-qualified applicants will be accepted up to the number of spaces available for new students. The Admissions Committee evaluates candidates on three criteria:

- undergraduate academic record and grade point average;
- GMAT score\*;
- "Engagement & Leadership" -- relevant activities and/or work experience, student athletics, volunteer work/community involvement, study abroad, in-person MAC interview, overall presence, leadership experience and integrity.

[\*The Admissions Committee requires all applicants who score below 530 on their first attempt to retake the GMAT exam prior to the application deadline.]

Individuals with a Bachelor's degree in any major may apply to the program; however, any applicant without a Bachelor's degree in Accounting must complete a series of undergraduate Accounting prerequisites before qualifying as a MAC degree candidate. These prerequisites are available to take online. More complete information can be found on the MAC website (<https://poole.ncsu.edu/mac/admissions/>).

## Fellowships (On-campus)

As a part of the admissions process, applicants may be considered for Jenkins Graduate School's merit-based MAC fellowships. Students may qualify for a firm-sponsored or an academic fellowship. A fellowship may provide financial support for educational expenses and also may include an offer of employment upon graduation (firm-sponsored option). All required application materials must be submitted by the February 1st application deadline to be considered for a fellowship.

## Scholarships

MAC scholarships are merit-based and are made possible through a partnership between sponsoring CPA firms, the NC State Graduate School, alumni and the Poole College of Management's Department of Accounting. All students who submit an application no later than February 1st are considered for a scholarship award. Recipients of MAC

scholarships are selected based on their scholarship, leadership, service, experience, presence and integrity. Scholarships range from \$2,000 to \$19,000.

## Master's Degree Requirements

Students that choose the Public Accounting Track (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/management/accounting/accounting-mr/#public-accounting-track>), complete an 11-course sequence that includes eight graduate-level Accounting courses and three elective courses (31 total credit hours). The Business and Industry Track (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/management/accounting/accounting-mr/#business-and-industry-track>) includes six graduate-level accounting courses and four electives (30 total credit hours). The curriculum is designed to provide a broad-based professional education. Students have the opportunity to focus their education by choosing one of our three optional specializations: enterprise risk management, information technology or tax strategy. These specializations provide an additional depth of knowledge that can give students a leg up as they enter their chosen profession.

## Other Relevant Information

### On-Campus MAC

We accept applications starting in the fall but encourage interested applicants to apply early to be eligible for our many scholarship and fellowship opportunities.

- **December 1:** Early admission deadline
- **February 1:** Deadline for MAC scholarship and fellowship consideration
- **March 1:** Final admission deadline

### Online MAC

- **October 1:** Limited number of spots available for those interested in a January program start
- **December 1:** Early admission deadline
- **February 1:** Second admission deadline
- **March 1:** Final admission deadline

## Degrees

- Accounting (MR) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/management/accounting/accounting-mr/>)
- Tax Analytics and Technology (Certificate) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/management/accounting/tax-analytics-technology-certificate/>)

## Faculty

### Full Professors

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## **Assistant Professors**

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## **Practice/Research/Teaching Professors**

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