MS ACCOUNTING

Program Overview

Program Coordinator	Aaron Hines, (845)257-2968, hinesa@newpaltz.edu
Program ID	264
Credits	33
Program Length	The MS Accounting program may be completed in one year if enrolled full-time; however, the degree must be completed within 7 years.
Modality	Online 100%
Full-time/Part-time	Full-Time
Transfer Credits	6
Licensure Qualifying	CPA-150E

Program Description

The MS in Accounting prepares students for a career in accounting, providing 33 credits of graduate study beyond the completion of the bachelor's degree in business at New Paltz or its equivalent. It is registered with the New York State Education Department as a 150-credit licensure-qualifying program, which means that students earning this degree will have met the educational requirements needed to sit for the CPA examination in New York (CPA-150 prior to August 1, 2027, or CPA-150E on or after August 1, 2027). Details about the requirements for obtaining a CPA license in New York State can be found at https://www.op.nysed.gov/certified-public-accountants. Students interested in careers in public accounting need to pursue the CPA designation.

Admission Requirements

Applicants to the MS Accounting program must submit:

- One official copy of all undergraduate (four-year degree) and graduate coursework, including a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution.

- An undergraduate major in a field of business other than accounting (e.g., management, marketing, finance, business analytics, general business, international business, etc.) with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher (4.0 basis).

- Applicants with a GPA below 3.0 may apply for conditional admission but should be prepared to provide GMAT or GRE scores if requested. A satisfactory test score of 450 or better on the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) or 300 or better on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

- Three current letters of recommendation

- Statement of objectives

Admission Deadline

July 31	Fall Admission

Applications will be accepted until the program is full. However, applications must at least be started by the deadline, or they will not be considered.

Code	Title	Credits
FALL (12 Credits)		
BUS516	Theory of Financial Accounting I	3
BUS518	Concepts in Federal Income Taxation	3
BUS617	Accounting Data Analytics	3
BUS520	Managing Operations and Information Technology	3
SPRING (12 Credits)		
BUS522	Theory of Financial Accounting II	3
BUS581	Accounting Information Systems	3
BUS586	Advanced Concepts in Federal Income Taxation	3
BUS616	Forensic Accounting	3
SUMMER (9 Credits)		
BUS542	Auditing and Assurance	3
BUS585	Accounting Theory	3
BUS583	Advanced Auditing	3
Total Credits		**33**

Graduation Checklist

- Apply for graduation via my.newpaltz.edu#under "Graduation" tab according to the schedule in the academic calendar.

- Resolve any pending admission conditions (outlined in your acceptance letter) and/or missing documents if applicable.

- Review your progress report via my.newpaltz.edu to ensure that you have completed all program requirements.

- Remember that only two grades below a B- may be applied to the plan of study.

- Contact your advisor if you need to amend your plan#or process transfer credit.

- Ensure that you are in good academic standing#with a#GPA (Grade Point Average)#of 3.0 or higher and that you are making satisfactory academic progress towards your degree completion.

- Complete your degree within the specified time limit#outlined in the Program Overview.

MS Accounting Program Learning Objectives

This program prepares students for careers in, and related to, accounting.

Upon completion of the MS Accounting, students will be able to:

- Apply accountants' professional and ethical role in ensuring integrity in business organizations and society.

- Apply theories and mechanics of financial reporting.

- Analyze accounting information for internal controls, auditing, planning, and performance evaluation.

- Apply technical accounting knowledge for tax and accounting issues.

- Process a financial reporting situation and design a solution/ response.