ACCOUNTING (BEHREND)

Graduate Program Head: Greg Filbeck
Program Code: ACNTG
Campus(es): Erie (M.P.Acc.)
Degrees Conferred: Master of Professional Accounting (M.P.Acc.)
The Graduate Faculty: View (https://secure.gradsch.psu.edu/gpms/index.cfm?searchType=fac&prog=ACNTG)

The Master of Professional Accounting (M.P.Acc.) degree program in Accounting requires 30 credit hours beyond the bachelor's degree and will take one year to complete. This program will equip the students for the increasing legal and financial complexities faced by the accounting profession. This degree will also satisfy the requirements for taking the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) examination and becoming a CPA through the Pennsylvania State Board of Accountancy as well as most of the State Boards of the neighboring states.

Admission Requirements
Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies).

The language of instruction at Penn State is English. English proficiency test scores (TOEFL/IELTS) may be required for international applicants. See GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac-300-admission-requirements-international-students) for more information.

Applicants should have an undergraduate degree in business and the course work should be substantially similar to the Penn State Erie undergraduate degree in business. If the degree is in business but not in accounting then applicants should have the following courses or their equivalents completed with B or better in every course:

1. Online Graduate School application (http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply) including nonrefundable application fee
2. Statement of intent
3. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission)
4. Official GMAT/GRE scores reported directly to Penn State University
5. TOEFL or IELTS scores, if applicable

Degree Requirements
Master of Professional Accounting (M.P.Acc.)
Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-700 Professional Degree Requirements (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies).

A minimum of 30 credits is required for the degree that must be acquired in 400-, 500-, or 800-level courses. At least 21 of the 30 credits must be 500 and 800 level courses, at least 9 credits (of the 21 credits) must be at the 500 level, and the remaining 9 credits must be at 400, 500, or 800 level.

The following courses need to be completed for a total of 30 credits.

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Applicants should have a minimum 2.8 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) in the junior and senior years, and a minimum 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) in the accounting courses. Applicants are also required to take the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and show GMAT (GMAT equivalent of GRE) scores of at least 400.

Applicants must submit the following documents:

1. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended
2. Official GMAT/GRE scores reported directly to Penn State University
3. TOEFL or IELTS scores, if applicable
4. Statement of intent
5. Online Graduate School application (http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply) including nonrefundable application fee

Student Aid
Graduate assistantships available to students in this program and other forms of student aid are described in the Tuition & Funding (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-funding) section of The Graduate School's website. Students on graduate assistantships must adhere to the course load limits (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gsad/gsad-500/gsad-501-credit-loads-graduate-assistants) set by The Graduate School.
Courses
Graduate courses carry numbers from 500 to 699 and 800 to 899. Advanced undergraduate courses numbered between 400 and 499 may be used to meet some graduate degree requirements when taken by graduate students. Courses below the 400 level may not. A graduate student may register for or audit these courses in order to make up deficiencies or to fill in gaps in previous education but not to meet requirements for an advanced degree.

Accounting (ACCT) Course List (https://bulletins.psu.edu/university-course-descriptions/graduate/acct)
Accounting (ACCTG) Course List (https://bulletins.psu.edu/university-course-descriptions/graduate/acctg)
Business Administration (BADM) Course List (https://bulletins.psu.edu/university-course-descriptions/graduate/badm)
Business Law (BLAW) Course List (https://bulletins.psu.edu/university-course-descriptions/graduate/blaw)
Finance (FIN) Course List (https://bulletins.psu.edu/university-course-descriptions/graduate/fin)

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