



# Master of Science in Accounting

## Invest in Your Career. Earn a Degree in Accounting.

You may be good with numbers, but do you have the accounting skills to take your career to the next level? The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that those individuals with an advanced college degree in accounting may have an advantage in the job market.<sup>1</sup> A Master of Science in Accounting from Kaplan University could help you develop your skills and pursue greater career opportunities in this field.<sup>2</sup> It could also provide you with the credit hours needed to sit for the CPA certification exam.<sup>3</sup> With our outcomes-based program, you can pursue your master's degree online and study to attain the relevant job proficiencies and credentials for a career in accounting.

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# The Business of Accounting Is Projected to Grow. Your Career Opportunities May Grow With It.

Stricter laws and regulations, particularly in the financial sector, are expected to create opportunities for accountants and auditing professionals as businesses seek to comply with new standards. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of accountants and auditors is expected to increase 11% through 2024. Individuals who have earned certifications are expected to have the best job prospects and those with an advanced degree may have an advantage.<sup>1</sup>

For more information about the CPA exam or accounting certifications, visit the following websites:

- › The **American Institute of CPAs** ([www.cpa-exam.org](http://www.cpa-exam.org)) reviews the content and structure of the CPA exam.
- › The **Institute of Management Accountants** ([www.imanet.org/certification.asp](http://www.imanet.org/certification.asp)) offers information on Certified Management Accountant licensure.
- › The **Institute of Internal Auditors** ([www.theiia.org/certification/certified-internal-auditor/](http://www.theiia.org/certification/certified-internal-auditor/)) provides an overview of the Certified Internal Auditor credential.



## A Versatile Degree in Accounting Could Offer a Future With Options.

Organizations in many industries require employees, consultants, or independent practitioners with accounting knowledge and expertise. Graduates of this program could pursue mid-level and senior-level management positions with public or private organizations, such as accounting firms, corporate accounting or tax departments, not-for-profit organizations, large and small businesses, and government agencies.<sup>2</sup>

Some characteristics that may contribute to a successful career in accounting include:

- › Keen attention to detail
- › Strong aptitude for numbers and logical thinking
- › Good communication skills
- › High standards of integrity and confidentiality

# Realize Your Biggest Asset: Your Talent.

The **Master of Science in Accounting** program is designed to prepare you with critical thinking and problem solving skills to help you pursue mid- to senior-level positions within the field of accounting.<sup>2</sup> The curriculum is enhanced by four concentrations designed to enrich students' skills. These concentrations focus on auditing, tax, government, and financial accounting.

Your degree could also help prepare you for various professional credentialing examinations, such as the CPA exam.<sup>3</sup>

## Kaplan University's curriculum emphasizes:

- › Integration of accounting knowledge to take reasoned action in diverse situations
- › Assessment of accounting issues and opportunities in dynamic environments
- › Evaluation of the ethical and social implications of business and accounting decisions in a global context
- › Evaluation of the theory, principles, and practices of accounting and accounting information systems
- › Integration of challenging work to help prepare students for accounting professional exams

## Your degree plan consists of the following courses:

- › Business Communications
- › Ethical Issues in Business and Accounting
- › Regulation
- › Economics for Global Decision Makers
- › Financial Accounting and Reporting
- › Advanced Auditing
- › Advanced Managerial/Cost Accounting
- › Corporate Tax Decisions and Strategies
- › Accounting concentration courses

### Program Detail

**Credit Hours:** 52 (13 courses)

**Concentration Credit Hours:** 12 (3 courses)

- › Audit
- › Finance
- › Government
- › Tax

Any 500-level accounting course not included in the core or concentration courses can be taken as an elective.

### Other Programs

**In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers:**

- › Master of Business Administration
- › Master of Science in Finance
- › Master of Science in Information Technology
- › Master of Science in Management and Leadership



# Kaplan University— A Different School of Thought®

Kaplan University is an institution of higher learning dedicated to providing innovative undergraduate, graduate, and continuing professional education. Our programs are designed to foster student learning with opportunities to launch, enhance, or change careers in today's diverse global society.

## Military Student Benefits

We provide specialized support and benefits that include military-friendly leave of absence and drop policies, and a tuition reduction for spouses of servicemembers, including members of the Guard or Reserve (see our website for complete program costs).

## Kaplan University Business Degrees Are Accredited by ACBSP



Programs in the School of Business and Information Technology have received programmatic accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).

ACBSP accreditation includes the following programs:

- › Associate of Applied Science in Accounting
- › Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration
- › Bachelor of Science in Accounting
- › Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- › Master of Science in Accounting
- › Master of Science in Management and Leadership
- › Master of Business Administration

ACBSP promotes continuous improvement and recognizes excellence in the accreditation of business education programs around the world. For more information on Kaplan University's ACBSP accreditation, visit [www.acbsp.org](http://www.acbsp.org).

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer and gainful employment information, visit [www.kaplan.edu/info](http://www.kaplan.edu/info).

<sup>1</sup> Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-2017 Edition, Accountants and Auditors, on the Internet at [www.bls.gov/ooh/Business-and-Financial/Accountants-and-auditors.htm](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/Business-and-Financial/Accountants-and-auditors.htm). National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

<sup>2</sup> Kaplan University's programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue the stated positions, which have varying responsibilities. However, Kaplan University cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization.

<sup>3</sup> Although certain programs at Kaplan University are designed to prepare students to take various certification or licensing exams, the University cannot guarantee the student will pass those exams. To sit for the CPA Exam, students may need to take additional courses at the undergraduate or graduate level to meet individual state requirements. The requirements to take the CPA Exam vary by state and may change from time to time. The University makes no representations or warranties as to whether the degree program or any individual courses meet specific state requirements. Students are encouraged to independently research the requirements in any state where they intend to seek licensure.

### Note From the Dean

"I am extremely proud of our business programs. When you consider what it takes to succeed in today's business climate, I believe there has never been a better time to earn your master's degree, and that Kaplan University is the place to do just that. I hope you will join us."

Dr. Thomas Boyd, Dean  
School of Business and  
Information Technology



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