The 10-month residential MS Accounting (MSA) program prepares you to take the CPA exam while enhancing your technical skills, improving your written and oral communication, and developing your critical thinking and leadership abilities. The 30-credit hour program provides you with the data analytics skills that accounting employers seek and prepares you for public, nonprofit, government or corporate accounting. Whether you plan to pursue a career in assurance, forensic accounting, or consulting, the flexibility of the MSA program allows you to choose your area of focus and complete 1-2 internships. Pair this with the built-in access to the Becker Fast Pass CPA prep course and you’ll be well prepared to pass the CPA exam and launch your career.

- MSA student first-time CPA pass rate is 22% higher than undergraduate test takers.
- The first-time pass rate of the CPA Audit section jumps from 54% to 93% with an MSA.
- MSA students have access to the Becker Fast Pass CPA prep course and materials.
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- Customized plan of study which emphasizes advanced accounting electives, Excel skills, research opportunities, professional and ethical standards, communication and leadership.
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30 total required credits

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- Advanced Auditing & Auditing Analytics
- Business Law for Accountants
-Communication for Accountants

MSA ELECTIVES
- Accounting Consulting for Entrepreneurs
- Accounting Data Analytics
- Accounting Ethics
- Accounting Scandals
- Advanced Taxation
- Advanced International Accounting
- Forensic Accounting and Fraud Examination
- Government and Nonprofit Accounting
- Private Equity Accounting
- Practicum in Taxation
- Public Company Reporting and Regulation
- Valuation and Financial Statement Analysis

GENERAL BUSINESS ELECTIVES
- Data Mining
- Leadership
- Logistics
- Management of Organization Data
- Options and Futures
- Portfolio Management
- Spreadsheet Modeling
- Predictive Analytics
- Project Management
- Financial Management
- Financial Modeling

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
- Washington Campus - Accounting and Public Policy Trip
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A lot of the classes are designed to help prepare students for the CPA exam. Other classes dive more into different accounting interest areas and you can pick and choose what matches best for you.

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