

Master of Accounting

**PROFITABLE,
SECURE,
FLEXIBLE
CAREER.**

**NO BUSINESS DEGREE?
NO PROBLEM.**

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FACT: Accounting has been ranked the **third best career** by *U.S. News and World Report's* 2014 Best Jobs issue.

FACT: The Bureau of Labor Statistics forecasts that employment of accountants and auditors is expected to grow 16% from 2010 to 2020, resulting in an **additional 190,000 jobs**.

FACT: For several years, accounting has been ranked as one of the top undergraduate majors, and their **starting salaries are among the highest of all majors**.

Accounting: not (nearly as much of) what it used to be

Let's be honest: There are probably still accountants who enjoy hunching over a desk, buried in a ledger. But globalization and the changing world have introduced the need for dynamic thinkers with skills that transcend the books. That's why it's such an adaptable field:

- Companies increasingly value “soft” skills that are emphasized in a range of undergraduate majors, such as effective oral and written communication, critical thinking, problem solving, working in teams, and speaking more than one language.
- Accounting skills can be used in a way that complements your personality, style, tastes, and strengths. You can work for corporations, non-profits, all levels of government, or individuals.
- Accountants can go into a wide variety of jobs and work environments. They're needed in all kinds of companies, all over the world.

Open to graduates from all majors, Chatham University's **Master of Accounting (MAcc)** program prepares you – regardless of your background in accounting or business – for a successful career in a field that offers not just stability, but lots of opportunities to make it your own.

In fact, **over 1/3 of Chatham MAcc students did not have undergraduate degrees in business or accounting** when they entered the program. Here's a selection of some of their majors:

- **HUMANITIES:** English, history, rhetoric, psychology, philosophy, German
- **ART:** art, music, theatre arts, writing
- **COMMUNICATIONS:** communication, graphic communications, public relations
- **SOCIAL SCIENCES:** linguistics, international studies, social work
- **SCIENCE & APPLIED SCIENCE:** physics, biochemistry, environmental studies, biotechnology, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, computer science, information systems

“If you like puzzles, you'll like accounting.”

— GAIL STEBBINS, MAcc '11

Master of Accounting at Chatham University

Our program offers an unparalleled blend of flexibility and rigor. You'll take courses from practicing CPAs who understand the field today, as well as with professors who can show you how the pieces fit together. A wide range of electives ensures that you can get

quickly up to speed with everything you need to move forward in the program, and that you can tailor your degree to your ideal career in accounting. The program is superb preparation for the CPA (Certified Public Accountant) exam.

Program design

The MAcc requires that you take 30 credits (approximately ten courses). These include eight required core courses (24 credits) in accounting and two elective courses (six credits.) The electives may be accounting courses or approved courses from Chatham's MBA program. If you don't have an accounting or business background, you will take four additional pre-requisite courses. Contact Graduate Admission for more information.

Core courses

- Government & Not-for-Profit Accounting
- Forensic Accounting
- Cost Analysis
- Corporate Tax Accounting and Planning
- Advanced Financial Accounting
- Accounting Theory
- Accounting Information Systems
- Business Law and Ethics

And you'll learn the basics and/or fine-tune your expertise with six credits chosen from

MAcc elective courses like:

- Auditing
- Global Business
- Sustainable Human Capital
- Information Systems & Analytics
- Sustainable Supply Chain Management
- Strategic Performance for Women Executives
- Corporate Finance



Why are accountants in such high demand?

- Simply put: businesses are expanding into new markets and new countries.
- In the ever-changing landscapes of government, business, healthcare, education and other arenas, companies need to stay in compliance with rules and regulations.
- Regulations such as Sarbanes-Oxley mandate the hiring of certified accountants.
- Baby boomers are at or nearing retirement age. This means more open jobs and new opportunities for businesses and healthcare organizations to figure how to best meet the needs of this significant percent of the population.

Don't accountants have to know a lot of math?

They need to know some, sure. But these days sophisticated software automates much of the calculations that accountants used to have to do by hand. Entering the MAcc program only requires college-level math. In fact, accounting is more about mastery and creative applications of accounting laws and regulations, and less about advance mathematics (one of the things that makes it a such great choice for pre-law majors).

What do MAcc grads go on to do?

Quite a lot! Here's a selection of job titles held by our MAcc grads:

- Head of Department, Ministry of Finance, Turkey
- Director, Wealth Management Consulting, UBS
- Director, Fiscal Operations
- Forensic Accountant
- International Tax Specialist
- Senior Tax Specialist
- Senior Auditor

And here's a selection of companies who have hired our grads:

- Deloitte
- BNY Mellon
- Dollar Bank
- L-3 Communications
- PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
- Naval Audit Service (Washington, D.C.)

Financial aid for the MAcc degree

Hands down, a MAcc degree is an investment in your future. Here are some ways you can take economic advantage of the present, too:

- Scholarships and fellowships, made possible by a generous grant from The PNC Foundation, are available for students admitted to the Master of Accounting program for the fall term. Awards range from \$1,000-2,000 per term.
- A limited number of research, special project and teaching assistantships are available to

help defray the cost of the tuition while also earning valuable, hands-on experience in the field. This assistantship is in the form of tuition remission and can cut your final tuition bill by over 30%.

- Scholarship opportunities are available from professional accounting organizations, such as IIA, and PICPA – visit chatham.edu/macc/tuition.cfm for details.

Apply now at www.chatham.edu/apply

“Most paths in this field lead to career opportunities that are plentiful and well paying, and I’m impressed by the number of career options available. I work now in the audit department at a bank, where I do very little actual accounting, focusing more on regulation. The field is extremely diverse and there really is no ceiling on how far you can take your career.”

— BETH HEPTING, MACC '10, *graphic communications undergrad*

“Chatham’s accounting program seemed right for me. I work full-time and have a lot of life experience to bring into the classroom. I feel that the professors teach in a way that respects each student as a working adult and understands the schedule that adult students have.”

— PAUL STREET, MACC '15,
liberal studies undergrad



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