

# The Online Master of Accounting From William & Mary

William & Mary's [Online Master of Accounting \(MAcc\) program](#) goes far beyond numbers. It produces experts in accounting and leaders in business, developing your abilities to identify and illuminate nuances in data and make key strategic decisions.

Our intensive curriculum provides the professional and technical skills required for excellence and leadership in this continually changing field. You'll graduate with expertise in 'the language of business'—a strong foundation in accounting and a keen awareness of cutting-edge best practices and contemporary challenges in the industry. **In as few as 16 months, you could be prepared to sit for the CPA exam and launch your career as the finest accountant and business leader.**

## Online Program Structure

- Complete in as few as 16 months
- 32 credits\*
- Four prerequisites\*\*
- Eight core courses
- Optional, non-credit bearing weekend courses
- 100% online
- Three starts per year: August, January and May
- Optional weekend residency opportunities (non-credit-bearing)\*\*\*

## Program Benefits

- Earn a respected graduate business degree from a highly ranked university
- Acquire specialized, leading-edge business and accounting expertise
- Expand your network as you learn directly from top accounting professionals
- Connect with recruiters from the 'Big Four' and other international accounting firms
- Gain knowledge and class credits in preparation for the CPA exam
- Manage coursework and track your progress through our unique and [dynamic online learning platform](#)
- Enjoy networking opportunities with successful Mason School of Business alumni
- **No GMAT or GRE scores are required for admission to the Online MAcc program**

## Admissions Requirements

- A bachelor's degree (or equivalent) from a regionally accredited university
- A "principles of accounting" course in which the student earned a C or better or equivalent. William & Mary offers a free Financial Accounting Fundamentals tutorial. This tutorial offers a quick pathway for applicants without an accounting background to fulfill this requirement. Talk with an admissions outreach advisor for more information and to get started with this tutorial
- A current [resume or CV](#) with employment history
- A completed [online application](#), including:
  - One professional reference
  - One 300-word personal statement
  - Official academic transcripts from all institutions from which a bachelor's or graduate degree was earned

\* Students might need to complete up to 8 credits of prerequisite courses.

\*\* Students who are required to complete the prerequisite courses can graduate in as few as 18 months.

\*\*\* There is no residency requirement for the Online MAcc program, but students have the option to participate in non-credit-bearing residency weekends.



## Curriculum

The Online MAcc program welcomes students with educational and professional backgrounds in business, accounting and a diverse range of other fields. In cases where they will be useful, we offer prerequisite courses in a fast-track format, so that all students are equipped to start the Online MAcc curriculum on an equal footing.

Our 32-credit-hour curriculum can be broken down in the following ways:

**FOUR PREREQUISITE COURSES**, which can be waived for qualified applicants:

BUAD 509A Financial Reporting

BUAD 509B Strategic Cost Management

BUAD 509C Individual Income Taxes – Rules and Planning

BUAD 509D Audit and Assurance

**EIGHT CORE COURSES**

BUAD 5709 Financial Reporting Standards and Analysis  
(4 CREDITS)

BUAD 5719 Accounting Analytics and Information  
Systems (4 CREDITS)

BUAD 5729 Advanced Audit and Audit Research (4 CREDITS)

BUAD 5739 Financial Statement Analysis and Valuation  
(4 CREDITS)

BUAD 5749 Driving Organizational Performance (4 CREDITS)

BUAD 5759 Advanced Federal Taxation (4 CREDITS)

BUAD 5779 Accounting for Complex Business  
Transactions (4 CREDITS)

BUAD 6009 Business Law (2 CREDITS)

BUAD 6019 Nonprofit & Government Financial  
Stewardship (2 CREDITS)

*In addition, students have the option to attend residency weekends.*

Go **beyond** numbers.

In William & Mary's **Online MAcc program**, you'll learn to analyze, interpret and communicate what the numbers mean. For more information, contact an admissions outreach advisor at 844-234-4075.

