

Naveen Jindal School of Management

Master of Science in Accounting



Program Description

Taught by world-class faculty, the Master of Science in Accounting degree program provides a tailored educational experience that encourages:

- A globally oriented, interdisciplinary focus.
- A balanced conceptual and pragmatic approach.
- Development of written and oral communication skills.
- Refinement of research and analytical skills that results in enhanced decision-making abilities.
- A commitment to lifelong learning.



The Accounting program prepares leaders to develop the professional skills identified by the Institute of Certified Public Accountants deemed essential for providing the core accounting services across various fields, including corporate accounting, assurance services, taxation, internal audit, government/nonprofit, and ERP/SAP systems. Upon completion of the program, students may be eligible to sit for the Uniform CPA Exam, provided they meet the requirements of each state's board of public accountancy.

The Account master's program has two options that are designed to meet the needs of all students:

- *MS Accounting Flex*: This option allows students the flexibility to complete the program at their own pace and tailor their degree according to their career goals by selecting among the following tracks: professional accounting, tax, internal audit, accounting analytics, and research. Courses are offered in the daytime, evenings and online. Admission to the program occurs in fall, spring and summer semesters. Visit the MS Accounting Flex webpage for more information.
- *MS Accounting Cohort*: This option is a two-year program in which students take all courses together as a cohort. Admission to the program occurs only in the fall semester. This option allows students to choose a second Master's of Science degree in Business Analytics. Students pursuing this unique double degree program can capitalize on competitive advantages, including potential time and tuition benefits. Visit the MS Accounting Cohort webpage for more information.

Benefits

The Accounting master's program ensures that students gain a broad understanding of their discipline, apply their knowledge and analytical skills to create effective and novel solutions to practical problems and communicate and work effectively in collaborative environments.

Other benefits include:

- *World-Class Faculty*: The program is led by faculty of the Naveen Jindal School of Management who are widely cited experts in their respective fields, many of whom also have professional industry experience.
- *Degree Customization and Flexibility*: With more than 30 accounting electives—as well as information systems, finance and other business electives—the Accounting Flex program prepares students for careers all kinds of exciting fields. Student can take advantage of the flexible program length and the evening and online course offerings.
- *Predetermined Course Sequence and Lock-Step Cohort*: Unlike the Accounting Flex program, the Accounting Cohort program pre-selects the courses that students need most to pass the U.S. CPA exam and allows students to develop long-term professional connections with their cohort peers.

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- *Consulting Opportunities:* Whatever program option students choose, the Accounting program's curriculum makes it possible for students to gain professional and technical skills and accounting experience with local business partners.
- *Exam Preparation:* The program's rigorous curriculum prepares students for important certification exams, including the CPA, the CMA and the CIA.
- *Double Degree Pathways:* The double degree option allows students to share coursework between two degrees and take advantage of potential time and tuition benefits.
- *Facilities:* The School of Management building and Jindal School Addition provide students with more than 300,000 square feet of classroom, computer labs and study areas including specialized labs for financial trading, business communications, accounting and sales.
- *Location:* Situated in the greater Dallas region—recently rated by *Forbes* magazine as the #1 “Best City for Jobs”—UT Dallas provides students with easy access to employers and internship opportunities, not to mention a large and supportive alumni population.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the Accounting master's program have found a wide range of professional career opportunities:

- Public and private accounting
- Corporate accounting
- Assurance services
- Management accounting in public and private sectors
- Business and financial analysis
- Tax accounting
- External and internal auditing services
- Financial services
- Risk advisory services

Marketable Skills

Upon successful completion of the MS ACCT degree program, our graduates will be able to demonstrate proficiency in solving accounting related business issues through analytical thinking, critical analysis and quantitative methods. The marketable skills for MS ACCT are:

- Understanding and application of auditing standards.
- Understanding and analysis of financial statements.
- Ability to research tax law and prepare tax returns.
- Research and application of FASB standards.
- Strong problem-solving and critical thinking skills.
- Quantitative analysis.
- Data analysis.
- Effective communication of accounting and managerial information.
- Understanding and application of ethical foundations.
- Project management, teamwork, and leadership

Application Deadlines and Requirements

Please take note of all application deadlines and visit the Apply Now webpage to begin the application process. See the Accounting program's website for additional information.

Applicants to the Accounting master's program should have:

- A bachelor's degree from an institution in the United States, or its equivalent (all majors are considered).
- A GPA (grade point average) of 3.0 in both core courses and in aggregate courses.
- Competitive GMAT performance based on a score that is less than five years old. The GRE is also accepted.
- A minimum of one academic or professional letter of recommendation for the flex program, two for cohort program.
- A resume.
- An admissions essay that outlines academic interests and goals.
- International applicants must submit a TOEFL score of at least 80 on the internet-based test. Scores must be less than two years old. See the Graduate Catalog for additional information regarding English proficiency requirements for international applicants.

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About the School



The University of Texas at Dallas Naveen Jindal School of Management (JSOM) is the largest of UT Dallas' eight schools, with an enrollment of about 9,000 with almost half who are graduate students. The school provides outstanding tuition value, a wide variety of classes on campus and online, flexible scheduling and a convenient location. The Jindal School of Management keeps abreast of business needs as an essential component in providing students with rigorous training and relevant skills for professional success. Programs are offered at the undergraduate, MBA, master's, PhD and executive levels. Programs are organized around six broad topics of business specialization:

- Accounting
- Finance and Managerial Economics
- Information Systems
- Marketing
- Operations Management
- Organizations, Strategy and International Management

A broad array of internship and scholarship opportunities is made available to Jindal School students each academic year. The school operates its own Career Management Center, which students may use in addition to the campus-wide UT Dallas Career Center. More than 70 student organizations are based in the school. Most of these focus on career development in specific fields and build networking, internship and employment opportunities. *U.S. News & World Report* (2021) ranks the school's Full-Time MBA program at No. 33 (tied) in the nation and tied for No. 12 (tied) among public university programs in the United States. In the same ranking, the publication places the Professional (Part-Time) MBA at No. 19 (tied) in the nation.

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Faculty

The Jindal School offers a variety of degree options at the undergraduate, graduate, master's and PhD levels. The school's relevant, rigorous curriculums were developed by exemplary teachers and leading researchers. The outstanding faculty members bring a wealth of intellectual capital, and they often come because UT Dallas enthusiastically encourages and supports scholarly inquiry and innovative teaching. New discoveries, along with faculty members' expertise, inform the academic programs at every level.

JSOM Graduate Programs

Accounting	MS	
Business Administration	MBA**	
Business Analytics	MS	
Energy Management	MS	
Finance	MS	
Financial Technology and Analytics	MS	
Healthcare Leadership and Management	MS	
Information Technology and Management	MS	
Innovation and Entrepreneurship	MS	
International Management Studies	MS	PhD
Leadership and Organizational Development	MS	
Management Science*	MS	PhD
Marketing	MS	
Supply Chain Management	MS	
Systems Engineering and Management***	MS	

* UT Dallas also offers an Executive Management Science degree with concentration options in Project Management and Organizational Behavior and Coaching.

** UT Dallas also offers Executive MBAs with concentrations in Healthcare Management for Physicians (MS or MBA), Product Lifecycle and Supply Chain Management and Project Management.

*** Systems Engineering and Management is a joint program with the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science.

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Centers and Institutes



The school's centers and institutes blend academic research with the real world. The business community as well as UT Dallas faculty and students benefit from this exchange of ideas, experiences and research. Jindal School Centers and Institutes of Excellence include:



- Center and Laboratory for Behavioral Operations and Economics
- Center for the Analysis of Property Rights and Innovation
- Center for Finance Strategy Innovation
- Center for Global Business
- Center for Healthcare Leadership and Management
- Center for Information Technology and Management
- Center for Intelligent Supply Networks
- Center for Internal Auditing Excellence
- Center for Professional Sales
- International Accounting Development: Oil and Gas
- International Center for Decision and Risk Analysis
- The Leadership Center
- Morris Hite Center
- Herbert D. Weitzman Institute for Real Estate
- Institute for Excellence in Corporate Governance
- Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

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The Career Management Center (CMC)

The Career Management Center (CMC) prepares degree-seeking students in the Jindal School of Management for significant and fulfilling business careers. The CMC has a committed and enduring relationship with the DFW business community, home to 24 Fortune 500 companies. The CMC offers tools and programs to help students and graduates build their networks, enhance their skills and develop professionalism to land dream jobs. Services include:

- Handshake (internal job posting website)
- Professional development opportunities
- Internships
- Portfolio building
- Company visits and networking opportunities on campus

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Location

The Jindal School benefits from its location in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, a center of industry and trade that places a high value on ingenuity and entrepreneurship. *Foreign Policy* magazine named Dallas one of only five U.S. cities in the top 25 in its projection of the “most dynamic cities in the world in 2025.”

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