

M.S. in Accounting Highlights

No matter where you complete your AACSB-accredited undergraduate degree, JMU's M.S. in Accounting program gives you what you need to compete in today's complex business and regulatory environment. It's a full-time, on-campus program that prepares you to succeed, whether your goal is as lofty as the corner office at a Fortune 500 company or as straightforward as passing the CPA exam.

Engage with your peers in small classes as you learn from faculty members whose doors are always open and who each hold professional certifications, either as Certified Public Accountants or Certified Management Accountants.



An accounting student provides free tax services to a community member through the VITA program.

The tuition is affordable—with no hidden fees—and is supplemented by graduate assistantship opportunities that enable you to engage in research with faculty members. You can also gain practical experience by participating in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, which provides free tax preparation and e-file services to qualifying individuals.

Assuming a position of leadership in the Financial Professionals Club will afford you opportunities to interact with prospective employers, as will "Meet the Firms"—an annual career fair that brings more than 50 companies to campus for the specific purpose of recruiting accounting students and those in allied fields.

College of Business



Career Possibilities

Audit Partner
Business Analyst
Chief Financial Officer
Computer Systems Consultant
Consultant
Controller
Cost Accountant
Cost Analyst
Fraud Examiner
Information Systems Coordinator
Internal Auditor
System Security Manager
Systems Consultant
Tax Adviser
Tax Partner

CO-CURRICULAR ORGANIZATIONS

Choose from more than 25 College of Business co-ed fraternities, clubs and honor societies to connect with peers and build leadership skills.







Why consider M.S. in Accounting at JMU?



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"I don't think I would have had the opportunities I did had I gone to a different graduate school. I don't know of other programs that stage a 'Meet the Firms' night with 50-plus companies coming in just to talk to and recruit their accounting students."

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- Graduate with an M.S. in Accounting degree from a school considered a "top-tier" institution from which to recruit.
- Take advantage of enhanced career prospects that far surpass those available to most of your peers.

Program Highlights

The M.S. in Accounting program serves as the "fifth year" for current undergraduate and transfer students, who can apply to join the program following the second semester of their senior year with no GMAT required. Students who apply after completing their undergraduate degree are required to score a 550 or above on the GMAT, though this is waived for anyone who has passed all four sections of the CPA exam.

- To satisfy the M.S. in Accounting degree requirements you must complete 30 total graduate credit hours
- Students typically complete 6 credits during the summer and 12 credits in both the fall and spring

See the JMU graduate course catalog for details.



Students make valuable connections at the "Meet the Firms" annual career fair.

SENIOR OUTCOMES*

- 97% of students accepted full-time positions prior to graduation, with the remaining 3% considering other offers previously extended.
- 77% of program graduates were employed by national or global CPA firms.
- 100% of students received job offers with an average annual base salary of \$68,450.
- 43% of students received an average signing bonus of \$2,794.

^{*}Based on Spring Class of 2023 M.S. in Accounting degree recipients