

BGSU

Master of Accountancy

CLASS OF 2011

The Important Questions

Why get a graduate degree in general? Today's exceedingly competitive global business environment elevates the importance of education, and a master's degree is becoming more essential to career success than ever before. A graduate degree typically provides more job flexibility, more responsibility, faster promotions, and higher compensation.

Why a Master of Accountancy? Accounting is the language of business. Knowledge of accounting is a great educational background for any business career in general. All businesses, big or small, technology intensive or not, need top accounting talent to help them succeed. While accountants reap a number of satisfactions from their jobs, prime among those benefits is a good salary.

Why Bowling Green? [The City of Bowling Green](#) is located in northwest Ohio. The city has the desirable characteristics of a small town with nearly 30,000 residents and well-funded local schools. Cultural and recreational activities, shopping, and transportation can be found either locally or a short distance away. Bowling Green is also located close to Toledo, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Detroit, MI, Chicago, IL, and within 25 miles of the headquarters of several Fortune 500 companies, as well as numerous corporate divisions and smaller firms.

Why BGSU?

The University. Bowling Green State University (BGSU), an autonomous state-assisted university with an enrollment of over 20,000 students, is located on a 1,338 acre campus. It has nearly 325 student organizations and a library system with 6 million items and access to materials worldwide.

The College. The College of Business Administration is housed in its own building and currently has an enrollment of approximately 1,500 undergraduate students and more than 250 graduate students. The Association for the Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accredits both the undergraduate and graduate programs.

The Department. Most programs nationally have one accounting-related track or, at most, two tracks. The Master of Accountancy (MAcc) program at BGSU has three tracks: Accounting and Auditing, ISAC, and Taxation.

The Program

The Master of Accountancy program requires a minimum of 30 semester hours of course work beyond the baccalaureate level for students with an undergraduate accounting and business background similar to that found at most AACSB-accredited colleges. The MAcc program is a one-year program that is designed to have all students begin the program in August and graduate the following August. Although occasionally a student will elect to complete the degree on a part-time basis over two years, almost all students pursue a full-time complement of four classes per semester. Courses typically are not offered in the evenings or on weekends, or through distance learning and students typically are not admitted in mid-year. **The program is designed to build upon an existing accounting foundation; it is not designed to teach accounting to students who have not completed the equivalent of an undergraduate degree in accounting.** (If a student wishes to pursue accounting but does not have an extensive accounting background, the MBA with a specialization in accounting is a better option and one that can also be accomplished at BGSU. See www.bgsumba.com for details.)

The Courses

MAcc students take three different types of courses. First are mandatory courses every MAcc student must complete in the program. Second are the courses dependent on the track selected by the student. Last are elective courses chosen from either MBA courses or from one of the other MAcc tracks.

Required Courses

- ACCT 6210: Advanced Financial Reporting
- ACCT 6490: Accounting Communications
- ACCT 6730: Professional and Ethical Responsibilities of the Accountant
- ACCT 6750: Professional Practice Seminar
- An international business class if not completed previously at the undergraduate level.

Track-specific Classes

- Accounting and Auditing
 - ACCT 6220: Contemporary Financial Accounting Issues
 - ACCT 6540: Business Assurance Services
 - ACCT 6550: Advanced Information Systems for Accountants
- Tax
 - ACCT 5440: Estate Planning
 - ACCT 6430: Federal Taxation and Management Decisions
 - ACCT 6450: Taxation of Partnerships and Flow-Through Entities
- Information Systems Auditing and Control (ISAC)
 - ACCT 5560: Information Systems Auditing and Control
 - ACCT 6140: Systems Analysis and Design
 - ACCT 6190: Data Communications for Accounting Environments
 - ACCT 6580: Information Technology Security

Electives

- ACCT 5420: Corporate Taxation
- ACCT 6240: Financial Statement Analysis
- ACCT 6410: Individual Income Tax
- ACCT 6570: Fraud Examination
- MBA Elective courses
- Other track courses
- Any other graduate level course approved by the MAcc Graduate Coordinator

The Value

While the cost of a graduate education is very expensive today, Bowling Green State University's fees are priced competitively. A graduate education at BGSU represents a real value. Fees for the 2010-2011 academic year have not yet been determined. However, the current year fees are relatively indicative of what to expect next year.

The fees for the 2009-2010 academic year are as follows:

Full-time Graduate Student per semester (Ohio resident):

Instructional fee	\$5,084
General and registration fees	641
Total fees for Ohio residents	<u>\$5,725</u>

Full-time Graduate Student per semester (Nonresident):

Instructional fee	\$5,084
General and registration fees	641
Non-Resident Fee	3,654
Total fees for Ohio residents	<u>\$9,379</u>

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is awarded on a competitive basis. Almost all of the financial assistance offers require students to work a minimum of ten hours per week during the fall and/or spring semester as a graduate assistant. In recent years, MAcc students' graduate assistantship assignments have included:

- Working in a local CPA firm (similar to an internship)
- Working in a local corporate environment (similar to an internship)
- Working on campus in various roles and locations such as the: College of Business Undergraduate Studies Office, Accounting and MIS Office, BGSU Foundation, Information Technology Positions, Instructional Media, Internal Audit Department, Office of Campus Involvement, and Academic Enhancement.
- Faculty teaching and research support

The Admission Process

Applicants to the MAcc program should follow the steps in the rest of this packet to apply. Each application is evaluated by the MAcc Committee, composed of Accounting and MIS faculty members, to determine whether the student should be admitted to the MAcc program and whether funding should be awarded. The Committee considers the student's overall undergraduate GPA, the GPA computed from only accounting courses, GMAT score, prior work experience, recommendations, and, for international students, TOEFL score. It is recommended that you send these in as you obtain them and not wait until all parts have been completed.

GMAT scores are required of every student before application packages will be reviewed by the MAcc Committee. If the applicant identifies BGSU graduate program as a recipient university, we will be able to download official GMAT scores from the Internet. We request that applicants notify the BGSU MAcc program with the specific date that the GMAT was completed. If BGSU was not identified as a recipient university at the time of the exam, the applicant can have their GMAT scores sent directly to BGSU by notifying the Graduate Management Admission Council (www.gmat.com).

There are two distinct decisions regarding our program: the acceptance decision and the funding decision. Acceptance decisions for admission to the Master of Accountancy program at BGSU are made on a rolling basis throughout the academic year starting in late October of the year prior to admission. Once all portions of your application are complete, the admission decision will be forthcoming within a few weeks. Funding decisions start being made in late February of the year of admission. Therefore, in order to maximize your potential for funding, we strongly encourage you to adhere to the following priority deadlines:

- January 15th – the Graduate College and/or the Center for International Programs items noted below should be submitted
- February 15th – the Accounting and MIS Department items noted below should be submitted

If you have questions about our program or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact one of the people below:

Dr. David Stott	Graduate Coordinator & Department Chair	dstott@bgsu.edu
Ms. Kathy McBride	MAcc Administrative Assistant	mcbride@bgsu.edu
Mr. Dudley Singer	MAcc Graduate Assistant	dsinger@bgsu.edu

Checklist for MAcc Admission

All Students:

- _____ Complete the Graduate Application online (<https://gradcollege.bgsu.edu/apply/>)
- _____ Submit your application fee of \$30 (also online when you apply)

Submit the following information directly to the Department of Accounting and MIS

- _____ 3 letters of recommendation (form is in this packet)
- _____ Current Resume
- _____ Track/GA Preference Form (form is in this packet)
- _____ Official GMAT Score notification

Address: Department of Accounting and MIS
MAcc Admission
College of Business Administration
Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green, OH 43403-0262
Phone: (419) 372-2324 Fax: (419) 372-2875

Domestic Students:

Submit the following information directly to the Graduate College

- _____ Two Official Transcripts from every college/university attended

Address: Graduate College
120 McFall Center
Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green, OH 43403
Phone: (419) 372-2791 Fax: (419) 372-8569

International Students:

Submit the following information directly to the Center for International Programs

- _____ Official TOEFL Score notification
- _____ Two Official Transcripts from every college/university attended

Address: Center for International Programs
219 University Hall
Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green, OH 43403
Office: (419) 372-2791 Fax: (419) 372-2875
<http://international.bgsu.edu/>
Email: cip@bgsu.edu



**BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY
MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY
Track/GA Preference Form**

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Please rank your track preference from 1 to 3, 1 being your favorite:

- _____ Accounting and Auditing
- _____ Information Systems Audit and Control
- _____ Tax



Bowling Green State University is committed to equal opportunity for all and does not discriminate in admission or access, or treatment or employment, in its programs and activities on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, geographical area, religion, creed, age, marital status, mental or physical handicap or veteran status. The Office of Affirmative Action, 705 Administration Building, is responsible for University compliance with Title IX and Section 504. 9/99

Please rank your graduate assistantship preferences from 1 to 4 with 1 being your first choice. Also please indicate if you are not interested in an assistantship position. Assistantships are generally 10 hour a week commitments during the semester.

- _____ Teaching Assistantship (assisting a professor with their teaching)
- _____ Research Assistantship (assisting a professor with their research)
- _____ Administrative Assistantship (assisting in an admin. position)
- _____ Not seeking an Assistantship

Additional
Comments _____

Signature _____ Date _____



BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY
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RECOMMENDATION FORM
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Bowling Green State University
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FAX (419) 372-2875

To the Applicant:

Please type or print your name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Current Address _____

Address a stamped envelope to the Department of Accounting and MIS. Be sure to give both the form and the envelope to your recommender. Your recommender can mail the recommendation directly to BGSU or return it in a sealed envelope to you and you can send the sealed envelope to BGSU with your other completed application materials.

***WAIVER:** Under the federal law entitled the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, students are given the right to inspect their records, including letters of recommendation. While we shall consider all letters of recommendation carefully, we believe that in many instances letters written in confidence are, in the long run, of greater utility in the assessment of a student's qualifications, abilities and promise.*

We therefore invite you, but do not require you, to sign the following waiver.

I expressly waive any rights I might have to access this letter of recommendation under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, or any other law, regulation, or policy.

Date _____ Signature _____

To the Recommender:

The person whose name appears above is applying for admission to Bowling Green State University's Master Accountancy (MAcc) program. In considering applicants, the MAcc Admissions Committee typically finds that a recommendation presenting a balanced view of an applicant's abilities and other attributes is most helpful. **This form is provided for your convenience only.** We would appreciate your comments in whatever format you think suitable. Please keep a copy for your files.

Recommender's name _____ Telephone (____) _____

Position/title _____ at _____

Address _____
Number & Street City, State & Zip Code, or Country

Email address _____

During what period of time have you had the most frequent contact with the applicant?

From _____ to _____ In what relationship? _____

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
How often have you observed the applicant at work?				
academically?				
socially?				

Please rate the applicant on the qualities listed below:

	Exceptional (top 2%)	Outstanding (top 10%)	Very Good (top 20%)	Good (top 33%)	Average (Middle 33%)	Below Average (bottom 33%)	Unable to Rate
Intellectual ability							
Maturity							
Motivation							
Personal integrity							
Analytical ability							
Ability to work well with others							
Ability in oral expression							
Ability in written expression							
Creativity							
Self-confidence							
Leadership							
Prospects for a career in management							

4. What are the student's primary strengths and weaknesses? _____

5. How might these strengths and weaknesses affect the applicant's performance in a graduate accounting program and in an accounting-related career? _____

6. Discuss the applicant's competence in his/her area of responsibility or specialization, organizational and technical skills, and the applicant's ability to complete assignments and pay attention to detail. _____

7. Does the applicant work effectively in groups, perform well under stress and accept constructive criticism? _____

8. Please circle your overall opinion of this candidate.

Highly Recommended
Recommended
Recommended, but with reservation
Not Recommended

Recommender's Signature _____ Date _____

If you would like additional information about our program, please see our website at www.bgsu.edu.
 If you would like to contact the Director of the MAcc Program you may do so at dstott@bgsu.edu.

Thank you for your Assistance