



## **MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY STUDENT HANDBOOK**

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## SECTION I. MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MASTER'S PROGRAMS

Congratulations on being accepted into our Master of Accountancy (MAcc) program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. This is a major accomplishment that comes with a significant financial, academic, and personal commitment on your part. The College of Business at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has developed this student handbook to ensure that you are successful and kept informed regarding program specific expectations and requirements, and resources and services available to you. It was developed electronically to provide you live links to other useful information.

The College of Business Graduate Studies office is located on the second floor of the O'Connor Building, Suite 234. Hours of operation are 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday – Friday. Please feel free to stop by any time and/or share any suggestions on how to improve this student handbook. Best of luck on your exciting, new undertaking! I look forward to talking with you.

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## SECTION II. STAFF



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## SECTION III. ADMISSIONS

### **Program Admission Requirements**

Applicants must comply with University procedures and meet University standards for admission. Applicants must submit to the Office of Research and Graduate Studies a Graduate Admission Application. Also required are two letters of recommendation from persons able to evaluate the applicant's professional or academic performance, a resume or curriculum vitae, and other information that may have influenced the applicant's decision to pursue graduate study or deemed important to individual or career goals. Applicants are required to submit Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) or Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores prior to admission. Generally, GMAT and GRE scores will not be accepted if over five years old. The GMAT or GRE is not required of those who earned a graduate degree from a regionally accredited university.

Admission decisions are made on the basis of undergraduate performance, GMAT or GRE scores, experience, and other indicators of the ability to pursue graduate study successfully. To be accepted in the graduate program, in addition to other requirements, applicants must be in good standing at the college or university they previously attended. Official notification of the admission decision is issued by the Office of the Dean of the College of Business and is sent directly to the applicant. The College of Business does not have "conditional" or "non-degree seeking" graduate admission classifications. Normally, no credit will be applied toward a master's degree for graduate classes taken prior to acceptance into a graduate degree program in business.

- Apply for Admission via [Apply Texas Application](#)
- An applicant may defer admission to an earlier / later term. Applications are valid for one year. One deferral is allowed per application.
- \$50 for US citizen, \$70 for International Students
- Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate course work taken at any accredited college or University attended (International applicants will be required to submit relevant International transcripts)
- Official GMAT or GRE scores (Within five years of the date of application)
  - May be waived for applicants who meet all of the following requirements:
    - bachelor's degree with an accounting or finance major and
    - a last 60 hours GPA of at least 3.25 and
    - a grade of B or better in college algebra or a higher level math course
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- Essay (minimum 500 words in length which includes educational and professional goals and the reason for applying to the program.)
- Two letters of recommendation

Application requirements for international applicants:

- Copy of current Visa (if applicable)
- English Language Proficiency. TAMUCC currently accepts the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

## **Program Admission Deadlines**

### **Domestic Students:**

\*Priority deadline to receive complete applications:

Fall	Spring	Summer I	Summer II
July 15	November 15	April 15	May 15

Final deadline for receipt of complete applications:

Fall	Spring	Summer I	Summer II
August 15	December 15	May 15	June 15

### **International Students:**

Priority deadline to receive complete applications:

Fall	Spring	Summer I	Summer II
May 1	September 1	April 15	May 15

Final deadline for receipt of complete applications:

Fall	Spring	Summer I	Summer II
July 15	November 15	May 15	June 15

\*Complete application should be received for full admissions and funding consideration

## **Admission Review Process/ Timeline**

Admission decisions are made on the basis of undergraduate performance, GMAT or GRE scores (if required), experience, and other indicators of the ability to pursue graduate study successfully. To be accepted in the graduate program, in addition to other requirements, applicants must be in good standing at the college or university they previously attended. Official notification of the admission decision is issued by the Office of the Dean of the College of Business and is sent directly to the applicant. The College of Business does not have "conditional" or "non-degree seeking" graduate admission classifications. Normally, no credit will be applied toward a master's degree for graduate classes taken prior to acceptance into a graduate degree program in business.

## SECTION IV. ACADEMIC PROGRESSION

### **Degree Plan**

Students with nonbusiness undergraduate degrees may need to take the following courses:

ECON 5311 - Foundations in Economics	3 sem. hrs
FINA 5311 - Financial Management Concepts	3 sem. hrs
ORMS 5310 - Statistical and Decision Analysis	3 sem. hrs

### **Master of Accountancy Advanced Courses:**

ACCT 5345 Ethics for Accountants & Business Executives  
ACCT 5371 Tax Consulting, Planning & Research  
ACCT 5391 Integrative Seminar in Accounting

Three of the following four courses:

ACCT 5341 Advanced Auditing & Assurance Services  
ACCT 5351 Strategic Cost Management  
ACCT 5355 Information Systems in Accounting  
ACCT 5381 Accounting Theory

Two graduate accounting electives

Two graduate accounting or business electives

### **Culminating Event/Exit Requirements**

Capstone: ACCT 5391

**SECTION V. COURSE OFFERING SEQUENCE**

FALL	SPRING	MAYMESTER	SUMMER I	SUMMER II
ACCT 5371	ACCT 5355		ACCT 5355	ACCT 5337
ACCT 5391	ACCT 5345		ACCT 5317	
ACCT 5351	ACCT 5340			
ACCT 5341				
ACCT 5381				
ACCT 5345				



## SECTION VI. PROGRAM SPECIFIC INFORMATION

### **Student Organizations**

Student Accounting Society (SAS)