


MS in Accounting Orientation


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Welcome to the Smith's MSA Program!




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The Fall 2023 Cohort



Total number of students: 50
Plus 1 students: 16
Average age: 26
Female students: 60%
Average GPA: 3.45

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The Smith's MSA Program:

- Deep Technical Knowledge
- Preparation for Certifications (CPA, CMA, CIA etc.)
- Critical Thinking and Analytical Skills
- Research and Application
- Expanded Career Opportunities

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Placement



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Program Overview

Founded in 2006, STEM designated in May 2023
30 credits (2 credits each course)
Three tracks:

- Public Accounting
- Audit Analytics
- Tax Analytics

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Courses



6 Core Courses:

- Business Communication
- Data Driven Decision Making
- Advanced Managerial Accounting and Control Systems
- Business Ethics for Accountants and Auditors
- Forensic Accounting
- Financial Statement Analysis for Accountants and Auditors


20+ Elective Courses:

- Systems for Data Analysis
- Valuation for Accounting
- Accounting Analytics
- Auditing Automation and Analytics
- Business Law
- Database Management for State and Local Income Tax
- Information Security, Audit and Control
- Applied Research for Accounting
- And many more...

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GPA Requirements and Academic Integrity



- The Graduate School requires students maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Students who receive a cumulative GPA below 3.0 at the end of any semester will be on academic probation and can be reinstated upon improvement.
- Honor Pledge: "I pledge on my honor that I have not given or received any unauthorized assistance on this assignment/examination."
- [Academic Integrity and Student Conduct Codes](#).
- If you are not sure what is allowed, **ASK!**



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Expectations

- Be prepared:** Syllabi and all other course materials on ELMS/Canvas.
- Be active:** Many classes are designed to be interactive. Try your best to participate in class discussions. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Your name tents will be very **helpful** to your professors!
- Be responsible:** Plan travel around academic schedule. Be sure to check with individual professors.
- Be engaged!** Take full advantage of what the Smith School has to offer, including career coaches from OCS, School and Campus activities, MPO events, Student Associations, etc.


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Reminder: Pre-Skills Assignments

<https://networth.rhsmith.umd.edu/welcome-cp-acct/orientation/ms-accounting-pre-skills>

BUAC 712 Business Communication
Prof. Samuel Handwerger



BUAC 740 Data Driven Decision Making
Prof. Tunay Tunca



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TA Opportunities

Teaching Assistants help faculty members teaching a course or coordinating special programs. Max 20 hours per week, min \$15 per hour. Responsibilities may include:

- Teaching/coordinating small group discussion
- Holding office hours
- Grading assignments
- Proctoring exams
- Other tasks specific to a class or a program.

We have ongoing need for TAs. If interested, please email me (lzhou@umd.edu) with your CV.

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Questions?



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