THE WHITMAN DIFFERENCE

In today’s marketplace, rapid innovation and business without borders require accounting professionals to think critically and conceive strategic solutions for complex commerce scenarios. The Joseph I. Lubin School of Accounting in the Whitman School of Management offers an MS in Accounting that combines a rigorous curriculum with practical industry experience to fully prepare you for the challenges of a career as a practicing accountant, consultant or manager.

Our program accommodates students with a background in accounting as well as those with education in other disciplines. If entering with a bachelor’s degree in accounting, you will complete 30 credits to earn your MS in Accounting. If you come to us without an undergraduate accounting degree, you will need to take additional courses during your time in the program depending on your previous business and accounting coursework.

Understanding the varying needs of students who wish to pursue an MS in Accounting, we have shaped our program along two degree paths. We offer a one-year plan for students looking for a more traditional option and a 16-month track for students who want to spread out their academic credits and incorporate a concentrated summer internship into their course of study.

Both options include the same comprehensive curriculum taught by our esteemed faculty, and because we recognize that you will need more than just centralized knowledge in accounting to excel in a fast-paced global economy, we offer a flexible elective schedule. You can integrate different aspects of business into your degree to obtain an expansive knowledge base as well as the communication and decision making skills essential for success.

As you progress through our program, you will have many opportunities to enhance your education through participation in professional associations, seminars, corporate visits and networking events. The experiences in and out of the classroom—combined with Whitman’s excellent reputation among corporate recruiters from leading firms including Deloitte, Ernst & Young, KPMG, and PwC—will prove significantly advantageous when you go before potential employers and equip you to positively impact the bottom line of any company.
COURSES AND CHOICES TO CUSTOMIZE YOUR DEGREE

Whitman’s 30-credit MS in Accounting program is designed to meet the needs of students from various academic backgrounds—whether you come to us with a bachelor’s degree in business administration or with at least 24 credits in accounting courses. Even if you have not taken the appropriate accounting, economics, finance and/or quantitative methods coursework, you may still be eligible for our program by taking undergraduate and/or graduate-level foundation courses while you pursue your MS in Accounting at Whitman.

We understand the value of having choices. Our comprehensive course offerings allow you to choose a mix of core and elective classes that meet your academic interests and professional aspirations. We also offer two timetables for obtaining your MS in Accounting: a traditional one-year plan as well as a 16-month track should you wish to include a summer internship prior to your last semester in the program.

1-YEAR PLAN

| FALL 15 credits | SPRING 15 credits |

16-MONTH PLAN

| FALL 9 credits | SPRING 9 credits | SUMMER INTERNSHIP 3 credits | FALL 9 credits |

ADVANCED ACCOUNTING COURSEWORK:

**ACCOUNTING CORE** (12 credits)
- Financial Statement Analysis
- Strategic Cost Management
- Advanced Auditing
- Taxes and Business Strategy

**MANAGEMENT SELECTIVE** (6 credits, Select 2 courses)
- Principles of Fraud Examination
- Venture Capital
- Corporate Financial Policy & Strategy
- Financial Modeling
- Linear Statistical Models 1
- Project Management
- Supply Chain & Logistics Management
- Risk Management

**ELECTIVES** (9 credits)
Including up to six credits from other Syracuse University schools and programs

**ACCOUNTING ELECTIVE** (3 credits)
ORGANIZATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPERIENCE

While relevant curriculum taught by revered faculty is the core of your accounting education, opportunities to see and do in real-world business scenarios significantly complement your preparation for career success. As you pursue your MS in Accounting at Whitman, you will have many opportunities to listen, learn and engage through involvement in student clubs, corporate visits, seminars and networking events.

These experiences have helped shape Whitman's reputation among corporate recruiters for producing proven accounting professionals. And, your curricular and practical training will set you apart as you work with Whitman's dedicated Career Center in pursuit of employment.

Whitman’s many organizations and opportunities for applied accounting learning and professional development include:

**BETA ALPHA PSI (BAP)**
Is a professional service fraternity that includes accounting, finance, and IST majors. Members discuss current issues concerning professions and take advantage of networking opportunities.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK ACCOUNTANTS (NABA)**
Represents the interests of minorities participating in the fields of accounting, auditing, business, consulting, finance, and information technology. Their mission is to address the professional needs of members and to build leaders that shape the future of the accounting and finance arenas.

**WHITMAN GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION (WGSO)**
Aims to enrich the Whitman graduate experience through social, cultural and community oriented activities and events.

**WHITMAN ACCOUNTING ALUMNI COUNCIL**
Works to develop a network among our accounting alumni and our alumni practicing in the accounting field. In addition, we hope to assist alumni in reconnecting to the School and University.

**ACCOUNTING CAREER SYMPOSIUM**
Offers students the opportunity to learn from representatives of successful firms—including senior partners—as they share insights about career choices and participate in panels and networking roundtables.

**TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR DESTINY**
Connects students with accomplished professionals from leading firms who share insights about career paths and build relationships to cultivate and secure future business leaders.
The Whitman School’s MS in Accounting program has shaped my professional career. The classroom topics were undoubtedly advanced and thought provoking, and the relationships developed with my professors were some of the most influential aspects of the program. I am continuously amazed by the formidable knowledge base and preparation I gained during my studies at Whitman. The MS in Accounting program has helped me feel more confident that, as I enter the workforce, I will be sufficiently equipped to handle anything that comes my way.

—Michael Dzioba, ’11 MS
Transaction Services Associate, PwC

The students we recruit from Whitman come well equipped for the business environments by bringing with them valuable learning skills, leadership experiences and a strong academic base. The positive attitude and work ethic they demonstrate allow our Whitman graduates to add value to our team right from the start.

—Adrienne Manahan, Advisory Campus Recruiting Leader—Financial Services Office, Ernst & Young

The MS in Accounting program provides a highly collaborative environment in which students and professors regularly engage to explore theories and solve real-world problems. Professors are very accessible and classes such as Advanced Auditing taught by Professor Elder are often shaped by in-depth discussion and debate. The program provides students with unique practical learning experiences such as business competitions, internships and the opportunity to become a teaching assistant. The relationships, knowledge and skills developed both within and outside the classroom are invaluable in preparing students for their professional roles after graduation.

—Brett Cornell ’12 BS, ’13 MS
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Online application
- Resume
- Official transcripts
- Two essays
- Two letters of recommendation
- GMAT or GRE exam score
- English language exam (international students only)

Interviews are performed at the discretion of the committee

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- November 30 (1st round)
- January 1 (2nd round)
- February 15 (final deadline for international students)
- April 19 (final deadline for domestic students)