

Accountancy - Five-Year CPA-MS-ISM Program • Bachelor of Science

Why Choose Accountancy?

An accounting education can lead to a highly respected and rewarding career. Accountants routinely earn incomes that are in the top 5 percent of the community in which they may live. If you elect to major in accounting, you may prepare yourself for a variety of accounting careers in industry, government, not-for-profit organizations, and public accounting. Many accountants are self-employed, operating their own business.

The Accountancy program at Ferris State integrates a liberal arts foundation with a professional field of study. The emphasis is on applied, hands-on training, including internships that prepare the student to step into a job immediately upon graduation. Because of this, Ferris graduates are readily able to apply what they have learned in the "real world", giving them an advantage over graduates from other universities.

Why Choose Accountancy with MS-ISM?

Michigan and most other states require 150 hours of university course work to be licensed as a Certified Public Accountant. Junior year Bachelor of Science in Accountancy program majors may apply for fourth year dual enrollment in Accountancy and Master of Science in Information Systems Management. By adding the MS-ISM to the existing CPA baccalaureate program as a fifth year, students interested in entering the CPA profession will get the appropriate training in accounting, satisfy the 150 minimum credit hours required to practice as a licensed Certified Public Accountant, and earn a career enhancing graduate degree.

Our Information Systems Management (ISM) masters program has been developed for individuals who wish to acquire the skills necessary to enter the information technology (IT) profession, or IT professionals who need to enhance and/or broaden technical and associated IT management skills. The MS-ISM program focuses on the concepts and skills for effective leadership and includes concentration choices in emerging areas such as outsourcing management and several technical areas with growing career potential.

Admission Requirements

Applicants are expected to meet 3 of the 4 criteria listed below in order to be placed directly into a College of Business bachelor/associate degree program. Any mitigating circumstances will be considered on an individual basis by the College of Business Dean's Office.

- High school GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale).
- English ACT of 16 or higher or SAT of 370 or higher
- Math ACT of 19 or higher or SAT of 460 or higher
- Reading ACT of 19 or higher

Applicants not meeting the above criteria for direct admissions into a specific COB program, but still meeting Ferris State University admissions criteria, will be placed into the College of Business in the Pre-Business program until they meet the admission criteria for the program into which they desire entrance. Transfer student admission criteria can be found on the transfer student webpage.

Graduation Requirements

The Bachelor of Science in Accountancy is awarded to those individuals who have completed the 124 required credit hours with a minimum 2.0 GPA in their core classes, in their major, and overall.

The MS-ISM is awarded to those individuals who have completed the 39 required credit hours with a minimum accumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater and no course less than 2.0.

Required Courses

Credit Hours

BUSINESS CORE		
ACCT 201	Principles of Accounting 1	3
ACCT 202	Principles of Accounting 2	3
BLAW 321	Contracts and Sales	3
BUSN 499	Integrating Experience	3
FINC 322	Financial Management 1	3
ISYS 321	Business Information Systems	3
MGMT 301	Applied Management	3
MGMT 370	Quality-Operations Mgmt	3
MKTG 321	Principles of Marketing	3
STQM 260	Introduction to Statistics	3
PUBLIC ACCOUNTING CONCENTRATION		
ACCT 310	Intermediate Accounting 1	3
ACCT 312	Intermediate Accounting 2	3
ACCT 321	Cost Accounting 1	3
ACCT 350	Fed Income Tax-Individual	3
ACCT 410	Adv Financial Accounting 1	3
ACCT 412	Adv Financial Accounting 2	3
ACCT 431	ACCT Systems and Controls 1	3
ACCT 441	Auditing	3
ACCT 414	Financial Accounting Theory	3
ACCT 450	Federal Income Tax-Corp	3
ACCT 461	Governmental Accounting	3
BLAW 322	Commercial Paper Secured Trans	2
UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS		
COMM 121	Fundamentals-Public Speaking	3
ENGL 150	English 1	3
ENGL 250	English 2	3
ENGL 325	Advanced Business Writing	3
	Scientific Understanding	
	Lab Science Elective	4
	Science Elective	3
	Cultural Enrichment	
	Electives (one must be 200 level of above)	9
	Social Awareness	
ECON 221	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON 222	Principles of Microeconomics	3
	Social Awareness Elective	3
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS Additional General Education		
Choose one:	COMM 221	3
	COMM 251	
	COMM 332	
	COMM 336	
MATH 122	Math Analysis for Business	3
	General Education Electives (one must be 200 level or above)	6
CORE MS-ISM COURSES REQUIRED:		
MMBA 601	Professional Skills Develop	3



More Information

Accountancy, Finance & Information Systems
119 South Street, BUS 212
Big Rapids, Mi 49307-2284
Phone: 231-591-2434
E-mail: AFIS@ferris.edu

The College of Business is accredited by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP.)
http://www.acbsp.org/p/st/ld/&sid=s1_001

Accountancy - Five-Year CPA-MS-ISM Program • Bachelor of Science

MISM 610	Database Mgmt-Administration	3
MISM 629	Leg-Eth Issues in Business	3
MMBA 640	Project Management	3
MISM 661	Principles of Info Security	3
MISM 665	Management Information Systems	3
MISM 670	Network Mgmt and Design	3
MISM 740	Business Intelligence (prerequisite MISM 610)	3
MISM 799	Integrated Capstone Project	3
	ELECTIVE COURSES REQUIRED (Choose two)	
MISM 646	Systems Intergration (prerequisite MMBA 665)	3
MISM 659	Application Development (prerequisite MISM 610)	3
MISM 662	Advanced Network Security	3
MISM 671	Adv Network Mgmt and Design	3
MMBA 615	Qual Improvement Prin-Appl	3
MMBA 705	Busn Process Reengineering	3
	Minimum number of credits required:	153 - 154

*Electives for the MS-ISM degree may be selected in combination with core courses to complete any of the five Advanced Studies Certificates offered by the College of Business Graduate Programs.