MPAc | MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY

PREPARING INNOVATIVE LEADERS FOR GLOBAL IMPACT
Welcome

The POWER to grow a rewarding career as a business services professional is IN YOUR HANDS.

Our nine-month Master of Professional Accountancy program provides the knowledge, technical skills and career preparation to thrive in one of the hottest job sectors in California—and beyond. You’ll learn global accounting standards that apply to publicly traded firms, and U.S. standards that apply to many smaller corporations and businesses.

With the No. 1 CPA exam pass rate among graduate schools in California and valuable corporate connections, our program puts you in the fast lane to success.

You’ll also enjoy a dynamic and deeply supportive community. Located in the quintessential college town of Davis, we are known for our close-knit, collaborative spirit. Our small class size ensures you greater access to faculty and facilitates strong connections among students. You’ll make lifelong friends—and grow an enduring professional network.

We invite you to explore our program and discover the UC Davis Graduate School of Management’s commitment to your future success.

The academic excellence of the UC Davis MPAc is indisputable. But it was the SUPPORTIVE community of faculty, staff and peers hand-picked for this program that gave me a PRICELESS EXPERIENCE as a student—and a lifelong professional NETWORK.

ALLYSON DOLES MPAc 15
Armanino LLP | San Jose, Calif.
Audit Staff

PREVIOUS POSITIONS
Summer Audit Intern
Armanino LLP | San Jose, Calif.
Sales and Sales Support Intern
Dedicated Media Inc. | El Segundo, Calif.

PREVIOUS DEGREE
Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), Marketing
Loyola Marymount University | Los Angeles, Calif.

An improv exercise during orientation makes it easy to be authentic and get to know other students while growing team-building skills.
HOT HIRING SECTOR | The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that the accounting field will see career opportunities increase by 13 percent by 2022. More than 2,000 new business services professionals are hired by private companies each year in California alone. We have an outstanding MPAc graduate placement record with top firms in Sacramento, the San Francisco Bay Area and Silicon Valley.

OUR APPROACH | We operate with a talent broker mentality to promote your strengths and help you bridge your classroom experience with the job market. Through a series of dynamic activities and workshops, you’ll develop the tools and resources to land your dream job.

THRIVE | Whether you choose a Big Four firm, a local CPA office, a corporate position, government auditing, nonprofit work or another arena, we’ll help prepare you to launch a rewarding career.

We have successfully partnered with major firms and agencies to hire MPAc graduates.
- Andersen Tax
- Apercen Partners LLC
- Armanino LLP
- BDO USA LLP
- BFBA LLP
- Burr Pilger Mayer Inc.
- California Board of Equalization
- California Department of Finance
- California State Auditor
- Campbell Taylor & Co.
- CohnReznick
- Crowe Horwath LLP
- Deloitte LLP
- Ernst & Young LLP
- Franchise Tax Board
- Gallina LLP
- Gilbert Associates Inc.
- Grant Thornton LLP
- K-Coe Isom
- KPMG LLP
- Macias Gini & O’Connell LLP
- Matson and Isom
- Moss Adams LLP
- Noell Agnew & Morse LLP
- Novogradac & Co. LLP
- PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
- RSM US LLP
- Standish Management LLC
- VT Williams & Associates LLP
- Walmart eCommerce

Our program starts with a Meet the Firms event—a valuable opportunity to network with representatives from diverse companies and gain insight into the best fit for your professional goals.

I’m finally going to BREAK THROUGH and get to that upper echelon of a business CAREER that I’ve always wanted.
Our Master of Professional Accountancy program exceeds California’s education requirements for CPAs. The comprehensive curriculum includes advanced coursework in accounting, financial reporting, tax reporting and analysis, and opportunities to examine and hone professional ethics and build your communication skills.

You’ll graduate with a definitive edge in the competitive and rewarding global accounting industry. Your UC Davis MPAC experience and University of California master’s degree will provide a solid foundation for a rewarding career.

We PREPARE you to become a PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS CONSULTANT in a challenging nine-month program.

I was WELL-PREPARED for the CPA exam—and I gained the COMMUNICATION and TEAMWORK skills necessary for being an auditor. The MPAC program made my DREAM COME TRUE.

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KPMG | San Francisco, Calif.
Audit Associate

PREVIOUS POSITION
Consulting Intern
New Century Ltd. | Liverpool, England

PREVIOUS DEGREE
BA, Accounting and Finance
University of Liverpool, Management School
Liverpool, England

CURRICULUM

FALL QUARTER
- Financial Reporting
- Tax Reporting and Analysis
- Auditing and the Accounting Profession
- Accounting Ethics

WINTER QUARTER
- Intermediate Financial Reporting
- Intermediate Tax Reporting and Analysis
- Managerial Accounting and Controls
- Communications for Professional Accountants

SPRING QUARTER
- Advanced Financial Reporting
- Advanced Tax Reporting and Analysis
- Analysis and Use of Accounting Reports
- Auditing and Attestation Services

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Assurance Associate | Responsible for collecting and analyzing data to detect errors, deficient controls, duplicated effort, fraud, or noncompliance with laws, regulations and management policies

Consulting Associate | Assist clients by providing business solutions for management, strategy, technology and risk

Tax Associate | Assist clients with business and tax planning so as to comply with various regulations in a manner that meets client goals
YOU WILL LEARN from the same outstanding faculty who teach in our nationally ranked MBA program. Our professors are industry experts, actively engaged with the business world through innovative research. They blend their accomplished scholarship and industry know-how to bring classroom lessons to life. Their energy, expertise and enthusiasm transform complex concepts into actionable tools you will use throughout your career.

MEET THE MPAC FACULTY | Our professors’ depth of knowledge and personal attention form the foundation of your UC Davis MPAc experience. In our small classes you’ll find an emphasis on teamwork with your fellow students. You’ll build strong and lasting bonds with the faculty, and they will work with you to help you meet your goals.

Accountants are the ‘score keepers’ TRUSTED to provide accurate, truthful information. I seek to instill a sense of larger SOCIAL OBLIGATION, teaching my students not only the technical rules, but also where those rules came from and WHY they matter.

— Professor Robert Yetman, Faculty Director, UC Davis MPAc Program

Our program is REDEFINING graduate education for this field. I am enthusiastic about sharing my knowledge and experience with our students, MOTIVATING them to learn, understand—and THRIVE.

— Will Snyder, Executive Director
UC Davis MPAc Program

At table, from left
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Executive Director, MPAc Program
MBA, University of Southern California | Los Angeles

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Audit Partner, Gallina LLP
MS, Accountancy and MBA
California State University, Sacramento

PROFESSOR HOLLIS SKAIFE
Ph.D., University of Iowa

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR PAUL A. WONG
Ph.D., Texas A&M University

PROFESSOR MICHELLE YETMAN
Ph.D., University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

LECTURER DANIEL KENNEDY
Former Publisher, Sacramento Business Journal
MA, University of Toronto

PROFESSOR ROBERT YETMAN, CPA
Faculty Director, MPAc Program
Ph.D., University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

PROFESSOR SHANNON W. ANDERSON
Ph.D., Harvard University

PROFESSOR PAUL A. GRIFFIN
Ph.D., Ohio State University
The UC Davis Graduate School of Management is known for our close-knit, supportive community. You’ll travel through the MPAc program with a cohort of dedicated and smart students whose diverse backgrounds are a keystone to the rich experience you’ll enjoy. You will share a dual commitment with your fellow students to excel as individuals and to see one another succeed. From day one, you’ll start building your network, honing your collaboration skills—and making lifelong colleagues and friends.

YOUR MPAc TEAM  |  We’re committed to ensuring your success in our program—and in your business career.

Applicants have a wide range of GPAs and GMAT scores. Admissions decisions are based on a holistic view of an applicant’s experiences, education and background.
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT
seeks candidates with the potential to become innovative leaders ready to make a difference in a rapidly changing global economy.

The Master of Professional Accountancy program welcomes applicants whose academic background, professional promise and personal qualities prepare them to meet both the rigors of our program—and a successful career. The admissions committee considers all these factors when reviewing your application.

We admit students with a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university who meet our entrance requirements. While an undergraduate accounting degree is not required, you must have successfully completed the following courses or their equivalents before beginning our program:

- Introduction to Financial Accounting
- Introduction to Managerial Accounting
- Business Law

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Dedicated to preparing innovative leaders for global impact, the UC Davis Graduate School of Management is consistently ranked among the premier business schools in the United States and internationally. The School’s faculty members are globally renowned for their teaching excellence and pioneering research in advancing management thinking and best practices. With prime locations in Northern California’s economic hubs, the School provides a bold, innovative approach to management education to Full-Time MBA students and Master of Professional Accountancy students at the UC Davis campus, and Part-Time MBA students in Sacramento and the San Francisco Bay Area.
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