



University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Master of Science in Accountancy - iMSA

Program Description

The University has become an online education leader, as well. In partnership with Coursera, the University has created flexible and rich learning options that have been called a “breakthrough.” University of Illinois online classrooms deliver unsurpassed levels of engagement and quality. The iMSA puts graduates at the leading edge of the accounting field. It offers extensive hands-on practice, an innovative curriculum that evolves as the profession evolves, and it delivers analytic capabilities that the industry defines as cutting-edge. It is highly interactive, with live global classrooms, team projects, and personal contact with professors. The iMSA is open to students of all academic backgrounds. It is suited both for people already working in the accounting field and those who intend to use the degree to enter the field for the first time.



Admission Requirements

Admission to the iMSA program requires a Bachelor’s degree in any academic discipline from an accredited institution in the United States or the international equivalent to a U.S. bachelor’s degree.

In addition, applicants must have a minimum academic background in business. In general, we expect applicants to have completed a course in business management along with a one or two course sequence in principles of accounting. For these requirements, college course credit or a certificate of completion from a known online course provider is accepted.

GPA and Test Scores:

The recommended undergraduate GPA is 3.0/4.0, or the U.S. equivalent, from the final two years of undergraduate study.

GMAT or GRE scores are required, but may be waived if you demonstrate sufficient, relevant work experience. In order to be considered for a waiver, you must have at least three years of full-time professional experience, with demonstrated career progression. To apply for a waiver please fill out a request form here <https://onlinemsa.illinois.edu/admissions/degree/request-waiver>.

All applicants whose native language is not English must take the Internet-Based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test. For information on the university English proficiency requirement, go to www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/instructions/04c. Some domestic applicants are also required to take the TOEFL or IELTS if they completed their post-secondary education in a country where English is not the primary language.

You may be exempt from providing a TOEFL or IELTS score if you meet one of the criteria listed here: <http://www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/exemptcountries>

Degree Requirements

The iMSA provides flexible learning options allowing you to balance education with work and other obligations. To satisfy the degree requirements, you need to complete 32 University of Illinois semester hours of graduate course work of which at least 20 hours are in accountancy courses, and at least 4 hours are in a non-accountancy course. You can complete the iMSA in as little as 18 months, or 4 semesters, or, if you need more time, you can stretch it out to 36 months.

Required Courses

- ACCY 501 Accounting Analysis I (Part 1 and 2) Total Credit Hours: 4
- ACCY 502 Accounting Analysis II Total Credit Hours: 4
- ACCY 503 Managerial Accounting Total Credit Hours: 4
- ACCY 504 Auditing Total Credit Hours: 4
- ACCY 505 Federal Taxation Total Credit Hours: 4

Accounting Electives

- ACCY 507 Taxation of Business Entities Total Credit Hours: 4
- ACCY 570 Data Analytics in Accountancy Total Credit Hours: 4
- ACCY 571 Statistical Analyses in Accountancy Total Credit Hours: 4
- ACCY 506 (ACCY 593AT) Advanced Financial Reporting Total Credit Hours: 4

Select Non-Accounting Electives

- BADM 403 Principles of Business Law Total Credit Hours: 4
- BADM 529 Macroeconomics for Business Total Credit Hours: 4
- BADM 590 Global Strategy Total Credit Hours: 4
- BADM 590 Digital Marketing Analytics Total Credit Hours: 4
- BADM 544 Strategic Management Total Credit Hours: 4

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