Western Michigan University's Master of Science in Accountancy (M.S.A.) is designed to provide greater breadth and depth of accounting knowledge, preparing graduates for a wide range of areas that include public accounting, industry and government.

The curriculum helps students to develop skills to think critically, communicate effectively and use information technology. Students with an undergraduate degree in accountancy can complete the program in as few as three semesters.

The M.S.A. program enables graduates interested in public accounting careers to meet the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) education requirements.

The department has strong relationships with the top public accounting firms in the world and with many leading corporations, giving students a wide variety of professional connections.

Teaching, Research and Program Focus Areas
The M.S.A. program takes an integrated approach to instruction, focusing on examining real-world scenarios and exploring the practical, theoretical, ethical and organizational dimensions of accounting within organizations. The curriculum is designed with advice from leading academic and industry leaders. M.S.A. graduates excel in their careers. Students graduating from the program will be equipped with the experience and skills to pursue a wide range of accounting positions and to seek career advancement.

Points of Pride
- The M.S.A. is geared toward working professionals with classes meeting one night per week in the evening and on weekends, as well as in online and hybrid formats, at two convenient locations in Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids.
- The Haworth College of Business is one of the largest business colleges in the country, offering an extensive alumni and professional network to students and graduates.
- The program is accredited through the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International), representing the highest standard of achievement of business schools worldwide with fewer than 5 percent of schools achieving this accreditation.
- WMU is among a select 1 percent of all schools that have additional specialized accreditation for their accountancy program.
Industry Highlights
The program prepares graduates for entry-level accounting positions and career advancement. Graduates of the program are qualified for positions in a wide range of areas including public accounting, industry and government.

Funding
A limited number of graduate assistantships are available.

Admission
Domestic
Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis, allowing students to begin coursework in the fall, spring and summer semesters.

International
Fall 2018: April 1, 2018
Spring 2019: Aug. 1, 2018
Summer 2019: Jan. 15, 2019

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Western Michigan University est. 1903
Offering over 100 world class advanced degree programs and holding Carnegie Foundation classification as a higher research doctoral university, the institution has consistently appeared in the U.S. News & World Report as one of America’s best national universities. Graduate students make up 21 percent of the total student body and have been awarded nearly $52 million in financial assistance. WMU enjoys a rich 60+ year history of graduate education.

Kalamazoo, Michigan
The community offers a vibrant cultural atmosphere mixed with a variety of outdoor recreational activities. The city of Kalamazoo is located midway between Detroit and Chicago and is in close proximity to the shoreline of Lake Michigan.