

# SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY

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## Overview

The School of Accountancy offers a Master of Accountancy (M.Accy.), a Master of Taxation (M.Tax.), and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in accountancy. The curriculum of the Patterson School of Accountancy consists of a two- year pre-accountancy program plus a three-year professional program. The Bachelor of Accountancy (B.Accy.) degree is awarded upon completion of requirements through the fourth year of the program. The professional degree of Master of Accountancy (M.Accy.) or Master of Taxation (M.Tax.) will be awarded at the successful completion of the fifth year. The school also offers the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in accountancy.

## History/Mission/Purpose

The primary function of the school is to provide professional education required to prepare students for careers as professional accountants in financial institutions, government, industry, nonprofit organizations, and public practice. Emphasis is placed upon both theoretical principles and concepts and practical applications to fulfill the need for reliable financial information. Professional courses offered at both the undergraduate and graduate levels provide students with the accounting education required to commence and continue to develop in a wide range of professional accounting careers.

## Accreditation

The School of Accountancy has been accredited by AACSB (the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business) since 1944. In 1983, the School of Accountancy was one of the first 28 schools nationwide to receive separate accounting accreditation. Accreditation is offered only to schools that meet the strict academic standards and program requirements prescribed by this assembly. All degree programs in the School of Accountancy received full reaccreditation in 2002.

## Other Information

Mississippi Public Accountancy Law - The public accountancy law authorizes the State Board of Public Accountancy to award certificates to certified public accountants upon qualification through passage of the CPA examination and appropriate professional experience. Candidates must have completed a minimum of 150 educational hours with a concentration in accounting to apply to sit for the examination.

