

Patterson School of Accountancy

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Undergraduate Studies

Admission Policies

Students that meet all requirements for general admission to the University may enter the Patterson School of Accountancy as Bachelor of Accountancy (B.Accy.) students.

Academic Regulations

General Education Core Curriculum

The general education/core curriculum requirements for the Bachelor of Accountancy program are given in the requirements section of the Bachelor of Accountancy program.

College/Schoolwide Degree Requirements

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Total Hours Required

At least 120 semester hours of degree applicable courses must be completed for the Bachelor of Accountancy degree.

Repeating a Course

Accountancy courses may be repeated once (e.g., two attempts). A student may appeal to the dean's office to repeat a course a second time (e.g., three attempts).

Credit from other sources

A student is to obtain written permission from the dean's office prior to completing academic credit at other institutions or by independent study. Upper level accountancy courses must be taken in residence at the University of Mississippi.

Other Academic Requirements

To qualify for the B.Accy., a student must earn a minimum grade-point average of 2.0 on the cumulative hours attempted at the university and a minimum grade-point average of 2.0 on 300-level or above accountancy courses completed through the university and must comply with general university requirements for graduation. A student must complete in residence at least 30 semester hours of courses above the 300 level in accountancy or business.

Graduate Studies

Master's Programs

The Patterson School of Accountancy offers four master's degree programs: Master of Accountancy (M.Accy.), Master of Accountancy and Data Analytics (M.A.D.A.), Master of Taxation (M.Tax.), and Master of Taxation and Data Analytics (M.T.D.A.).

Requirements for full admission to a master's program include completion of the required prerequisite courses (and minimum grades where applicable), a minimum GPA of 3.0, and a minimum GMAT score of 450 unless the applicant qualifies for a GMAT waiver.

Required prerequisites include: Accy 303, 304, 309, 401, 405, 411; Bus 250; Econ 202, 203, 230, 302; Fin 331; Math 267; Mgmt 371; and Mktg 351 (or equivalent courses taken at another institution). A minimum grade of C is required in Accy 401 and 405.

Beginning with applicants for Summer 2022, the GMAT will be waived for Patterson School of Accountancy undergraduates who earn an overall or resident GPA of 3.0 or higher and for undergraduate accounting majors with a GPA of 3.5 or higher from other AACSB-accredited institutions.

International students from countries other than those on the Office of Global Engagement exemption list are required to submit documentation of English language proficiency.

Students who do not meet the minimum requirements for full admission may be considered for admission in another category.

PhD Program

Admission to the Ph.D. program is based on the applicant's undergraduate and graduate record as well as the score made on the Graduate Management Admission Test.

A GMAT score of 600 or higher is required for admission. In recent years, GMAT scores have averaged above 650. International students must earn a TOEFL score of 600 or above (or 100 on the Internet-based TOEFL). All students must present credit equivalent to a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in accountancy. Two undergraduate calculus courses are also required. All students should hold some form of accounting certification such as the CPA, CMA, and/or CIA.

Fulfilment of these criteria does not guarantee admission; a limited number of students are accepted into the program each year. A personal interview, on campus, is required of all applicants prior to admission.

The University of Mississippi is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award certificates and baccalaureate, master's, specialist, and doctoral degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, call 404-679-4500, or visit online at www.sacscoc.org for questions about the accreditation.

