

# Accountancy (MS)

The Master of Science in Accountancy is designed for students with bachelor's degrees in business areas, including accounting. The program equips students with the necessary tools to effectively interpret and use accounting and financial information. It meets the standards adopted by The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International - for special accreditation of accounting programs and the August 1, 2009, 150 credit hour requirements to sit for the NY State CPA exam. In addition to these benefits, the program also provides opportunities to develop "soft skills" in order to readily be able to communicate in CPA firms. Students with many course waivers must complete a minimum of 30 credits overall to receive the MS degree. Students with non-business undergraduate degrees can also apply, but are encouraged to consider the [MBA accounting major](#) which also meets the CPA requirements.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Required for all MS Students*</b>		
<a href="#">BUS 9551</a>	Business Communication I	1.5 credits
or		
Program specific, 1.5 credit equivalent business communication instruction approved by the Graduate Curriculum Committee.		
<b>General Business Requirements (36 credits)</b>		
Students with appropriate background will be able to reduce the number of required credits in general business requirements, with the exception of BUS 9557.		
<a href="#">BUS 9557</a>	Managerial Skills for Accountancy Professionals (not subject to waiver)	3 credits
<a href="#">CIS 9001</a>	Information Systems for Managers I	1.5 credits
<a href="#">ECO 9730</a>	Fundamentals of Microeconomics	1.5 credits
<a href="#">ECO 9740</a>	Fundamentals of Macroeconomics	1.5 credits
<a href="#">FIN 9770</a>	Financial Decision Making	3 credits
<a href="#">LAW 9800</a>	Business Contracts and Law of Corporations	4 credits
<a href="#">MGT 9300</a>	Management: A Behavioral Approach	3 credits
<a href="#">MKT 9703</a>	Marketing Management	3 credits
<a href="#">STA 9708</a>	Applied Statistical Analysis for Business Decisions	3 credits
Additional advanced business (Zicklin) courses in areas other than accounting and taxation		12.5 credits
<b>CPA Accounting and Taxation Requirements (34 credits)</b>		
<a href="#">BUS 9556</a>	Communication for Accounting Managers*	3 credits
<a href="#">ACC 9112</a>	Financial Accounting: Intensive	3 credits
<a href="#">ACC 9804</a>	Intermediate Financial Accounting	4 credits
<a href="#">ACC 9805</a>	Advanced Financial Accounting	4 credits
<a href="#">ACC 9811</a>	Managerial Accounting Theory and Practice	4 credits

ACC 9818	Auditing and Accounting Information Systems	3 credits
ACC 9821	Auditing	4 credits
TAX 9861	Federal Income Taxation: Theory and Practice	3 credits
TAX 9878	Taxation of Business Entities	3 credits
<b>At least two electives to be selected from the following:</b>		
ACC 9806	Financial Statement Analysis and Reporting	3 credits
ACC 9810	Current Topics in Financial Accounting	3 credits
ACC 9815	Advanced Managerial Accounting	3 credits
ACC 9993**	Special Topics in Accountancy (Formerly ACC 9901)	3 credits
To achieve the minimum of 30 credits required to earn the MS in accountancy, students with baccalaureate degrees in accountancy who have taken equivalent courses to those listed above and earned a grade of B or better may choose electives from among any Zicklin graduate courses for which the prerequisites have been met. (This does not include courses on the list of general business requirements that have been waived.)		
*Effective spring 2016. BUS 9551 replaces BUS 9556, which is not currently offered.		
**May take more than once with different topics; topics may include: forensic accounting, advanced auditing, cases in business/accounting.		