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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

MASTER OF ACCOUNTING

Accounting is truly the language of business. The Master of Accounting (MAcc) program is designed to provide you with the skills and knowledge needed to master that language. You will learn how to analyze economic transactions, apply appropriate measurement and reporting methods and prepare meaningful and useful financial statements and reports.

The MAcc program will help you learn how to turn the numbers into a story that everyone can understand.
WHY PURSUE A MACC?

• Prepare for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam while earning an exceptionally well-respected graduate degree.
• Meet the 150 credit-hour CPA licensing requirement while mastering accounting research.
• Learn from well published and internationally recognized faculty members.
• Become familiar with new developments in technology that will influence the future of the accounting profession (e.g. data analytics, machine learning, blockchain).
• Access excellent career services and industry networking opportunities.
• Join more than 30,000 Shidler College alumni worldwide.
OVERVIEW OF MACC

The MAcc program admits students in both the fall and spring semesters and can be completed on a part-time or full-time basis. Typically, a full-time student who has completed all the undergraduate foundational courses can complete the program in 12–18 months, while non-accounting majors usually take two years to complete the program. Classes are mostly taught on weekday evenings, allowing students to work or participate in internships during the day.

WHY CHOOSE SHIDLER?

Employer approved: The college works with industry leaders to design a curriculum that produces graduates with the skills, knowledge and competencies necessary to succeed in their careers.

Strong alumni network: More than half of the CPAs in Hawai‘i are Shidler College alumni, and many more hold leading positions on the U.S. mainland and in Asia.

Recognized leadership: The college is the first and only AACSB International accredited accounting graduate program in Hawai‘i.

Visionary gift: Jay Shidler’s $220 million commitment to the college will ensure that programs continue to thrive.
TESTIMONIALS

KYLE OURA
MACC ’05
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER & PARTNER
A&A SENIOR LIVING MANAGEMENT

"I was a humanities undergraduate looking to develop technical skills prior to starting my business career. As a MAcc student, I worked as an accounting intern during the day while taking classes during the evenings and got the most out of the professional development, social and leadership opportunities within the business school. My efforts paid off with an offer to work for a 'Big Four' accounting firm in San Francisco. In fact, having an accounting graduate degree helped differentiate me as a candidate for an analyst position and accelerated my career in commercial real estate investments, development and entrepreneurship."

TERRI FUJII
BBA ’84, MAcc ’85
AUDIT PARTNER, CW ASSOCIATES, CPAs

"Having a MAcc degree helped me differentiate myself from the many accounting graduates being pursued by the accounting firms. In addition, the three semesters provided the time to study for the CPA exam, continue to learn more about the profession and interact with professionals from accounting firms. I truly believe that the additional courses, and ultimately a MAcc degree, helped me to pass the CPA exam and obtain a position with Ernst & Young. Finally, because I have a MAcc degree, I am able to serve as an instructor at the School of Accountancy. To this day, I still emphasize the fact that I have a MAcc degree from the School of Accountancy."
EDISON LAU
BBA ’12, MACC ’13
ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT & ACCOUNTING POLICY MANAGER, FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK

"I chose the MAcc program because it allowed me to enhance my technical accounting knowledge and research skills. I learned how to use research tools more effectively to interpret and apply the accounting guidance as it pertained to the situation at hand. I also learned how to communicate my ideas more clearly by translating something complex into something easier to understand. These skills are necessary for my job today."

MARY CHAI
BBA ’92, MACC ’93
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ACCOUNTING, UNIVERSITY OF MACAU

"The MAcc program offered interdisciplinary training that awakened my interest in conducting both analytical and empirical research. The learning experience was enriching and inspiring!"

MATTHEW HINTON
MACC ’16
PHD STUDENT, ACCOUNTING

"The MAcc program helped me differentiate myself in the job market and obtain a position with Pricewaterhouse-Coopers. I passed the CPA Exam using the knowledge and critical thinking skills I gained in the MAcc program. My experience was so positive that I decided to return to Shidler College for the PhD program."
“AT ACCUITY, MANY OF OUR PROFESSIONALS GRADUATED FROM THE SHIDLER COLLEGE MACC PROGRAM. WE FIND THAT SHIDLER MACC STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE THE STRONG FOUNDATION OF TECHNICAL AND GENERAL BUSINESS KNOWLEDGE THAT PREPARES THEM WELL FOR THE CPA EXAM AND A CAREER IN PUBLIC ACCOUNTING.”

- KAREN SILVERSTEIN, ACCUITY PRINCIPAL RECRUITER

YOUR CAREER IS A JOURNEY

Your career is a journey and the MAcc degree will help you navigate through it. The Office of Internships and Career Development works diligently to establish, maintain and strengthen relationships between students and companies.

The college has a long-standing relationship with the accounting industry in Hawai‘i and many firms prefer to hire Shidler alumni.

The college continually reaches out to the accounting industry to find out what the current needs are in order to better prepare students for successful careers.

- MAcc students are highly encouraged to participate in internships — many of which lead to full-time positions.
- Most major accounting firms conduct on-campus interviews for either internships or full-time positions.
Student clubs at Shidler College play an important role in the life of a MAcc student. There are two different clubs dedicated to accounting students – Accounting Club and Beta Alpha Psi.

**Accounting Club** – Established in 1964, the Accounting Club is a proud student chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants. The club’s main goal is to promote the professional and personal development of its members.

**Beta Alpha Psi** – Founded in 1974, the University of Hawai‘i (Delta Theta Chapter) is part of a national scholastic and professional accounting fraternity. The chapter prides itself on being recognized nationally, earning the designation of “superior chapter” and provides many opportunities for students to meet and interact with professionals.
SCHOLARSHIPS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXCELLENCE

The Shidler College understands that scholarships and financial aid are a major part of any higher education decision. More than $1 million in scholarships is awarded to students each academic year.

For more information, visit shidler.hawaii.edu/scholarships

ACCOUNTING-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS

There are numerous scholarships designated specifically for MAcc students. Below are a few examples.

- Association of Government Accountants of Hawai‘i Endowed Scholarship Fund
- CW Associates, CPAs Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Deloitte & Touche Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Fujii and Rodriguez Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Hawaii Association of Public Accountants O‘ahu Chapter Endowed Scholarship
- Hawai‘i Society of Certified Public Accountants Scholarship
- Institute of Internal Auditors–Hawai‘i Chapter Scholarship
- Masters of Accounting Endowed Scholarship Fund
- N&K CPAs, Inc. Endowed Scholarship for Accounting Excellence

Charisse Agraan, BBA ’19, MAcc ’21
Recipient of the Fujii and Rodriguez Endowed Scholarship
RECOMMENDED MINIMUM ADMISSIONS GUIDELINES

- GPA 3.0
- GMAT 500
- TOEFL or IELTS (international applicants)
- ACC 200: Introduction to Accounting I
- ACC 210: Introduction to Accounting II

Students who do not hold an undergraduate degree in accounting must complete the following foundational courses while enrolled in the MAcc program:
- ACC 323: Intermediate Financial Accounting II
- ACC 401: Individual Federal Income Taxation
- ACC 409: Accounting Information Systems
- ACC 418: Auditing

Students with an accounting degree must complete any missing courses prior to graduation from the MAcc program.
DEADLINES

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*Applications submitted after deadlines may be considered on a space available basis.

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