



**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
ACCOUNTANCY (MACC)**
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



THE USD ADVANTAGE

At the University of San Diego, we are committed to academic excellence as well as an ethics-based curriculum. Our campus is located in San Diego; a city that is home to hundreds of biotech, communications, software, Internet and information technology companies, and has earned the distinction of having the most diversified high-tech economy in the United States. Students in the School of Business Administration Master of Science in Accountancy program have the unique opportunity to develop in a dynamic business environment that shares a border with Mexico and serves as a gateway to the Pacific Rim. Entering the job market with the reputation of the University of San Diego and the knowledge base that students obtain from the School of Business Administration provides them with a competitive edge that is second to none.

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THE MISSION OF THE USD ACCOUNTANCY PROGRAMS IS TO DEVELOP ACCOUNTANTS — THROUGH THE USE OF PERSONALIZED, INNOVATIVE TEACHING METHODS DEVELOPED BY FACULTY WHO ARE ACTIVE IN THE PRODUCTION AND DISSEMINATION OF KNOWLEDGE — WHO HAVE THE SKILLS TO COMPETE IN A DIVERSE AND FAST-CHANGING GLOBAL PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENT.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Master of Science in Accountancy (**MACC**) program offers a curriculum that focuses on interactively developing the skills needed by accountants and financial managers. This program is a specialized master's degree designed to provide accountants the skills needed in mid- to upper-level accounting positions and skills needed in professional positions where finance, information systems, and related financial skills are as essential as accounting skills. Further, the program provides students with leadership, communication, interpersonal and ethical skills for supervisory-level positions. Students applying for this program should have completed an undergraduate degree in accountancy or its equivalent. Individuals

without this background may still apply for the program, but will need to complete the extended program requirements described on our Web site.

NOTE: International applicants can only be admitted to the MACC/MTAX programs with the BACC equivalent; the only exception to this rule is for current USD undergraduate students pursuing the Bachelor of Accountancy degree. International applicants are advised to submit complete applications well in advance of the application deadline dates due to mailing delays in many countries. The \$80 non-refundable application fee must be in U.S. dollars and payable to the University of San Diego.



GRADUATE QUALITIES

- Expanded accounting measurement knowledge in a specific field of accountancy (e.g., financial accounting, controllership/systems, financial planning)
- Expanded knowledge to critically analyze financial information in new and unfamiliar circumstances using professional research, decision-modeling or risk analysis techniques as the basis for appropriate decision-making
- Expanded knowledge of the ethical attitudes, values, and professional responsibilities required by those in the accountancy profession
- Expanded business writing and oral communication skills
- Expanded leadership and interpersonal skills

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

- Small classes
- Interactive learning
- Personalized attention
- Lifelong relationships

FACULTY MENTORS

Upon admission to any of our accountancy programs, students will select a faculty mentor. Faculty mentors will:

- Guide students in their program
- Advise students when preparing program plans. Students will prepare a program plan prior to beginning coursework listing the courses to be taken and the timing of each course.
- Provide career counseling
- Assist the student in dealing with problems during the course of study

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MACC DEGREE

The MACC degree is a 30-unit program for those with an undergraduate accountancy degree. Courses are offered over a five-week format, two nights per week, four hours each night. Each MACC course is offered once per calendar year. Class sessions are taught on an interactive basis and a laptop computer equipped for our wireless network is required for the program.

REQUIRED COURSES (9 UNITS)

The following three required courses (3 UNITS EACH) emphasize ethics, leadership, communications and interpersonal skills.

- MACC 501** Communications and Ethics for Financial Professionals
- MACC 502** Leadership in a Financial Team Environment
- MACC 503** Negotiations: Strategy, Practice, and Ethics

ELECTIVES (21 UNITS)

The remaining seven courses (3 UNITS EACH) are electives and will be selected by the student in consultation with a faculty mentor from the following MACC graduate classes:

- MACC 510** Applied Corporate Finance
- MACC 520** Fundamentals of Personal Financial Planning
- MACC 521** Insurance Planning
- MACC 522** Investment Planning and Risk Management
- MACC 523** Retirement Planning
- MACC 530** International Financial Analysis and Reporting
- MACC 531** Applied Research for Financial Accountants and Auditors
- MACC 532** Fraud Examination and Forensic Accounting
- MACC 540** Controllership and Cost Management
- MACC 550** Database Applications for Financial Professionals
- MACC 551** Accountancy Software Selection and Implementation
- MACC 552** Security and Control in an ERP Environment
- MACC 560** Tax Research
- MACC 561** Partnership Taxation
- MACC 562** Estate and Gift Taxation and Planning
- MACC 563** State and Local Taxation
- MACC 598** Professional Accountancy Internship
- MACC 599** Independent Study



RECOGNITION

AACSB INTERNATIONAL
Accountancy Accreditation

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FULL-TIME FACULTY

- Barkacs, Craig, **MBA, JD**
- Cook, Ellen, **PhD**
- Dalton, Thomas, **PhD, CPA**
- Hora, Judith, **PhD, CPA**
- Judd, Mark, **IMBA, CPA**
- Kelley, Timothy, **PhD, CPA**
- Lougee, Barbara, **PhD**
- Margheim, Loren, **PhD, CPA**
- Morris, Janice, **MBA, CPA**
- Pattison, Diane, **PhD**
- Perols, Johan, **PhD, CPA**
- Romney, Miles, **MAFM, CPA, CFP**
- Smith, James, **PhD, LLM, CPA**
- Rivetti, Daniel, **DBA**
- Zocco, Dennis, **PhD**

ADJUNCT FACULTY

- Basney, Dana, **MBA, CPA, CFE**
- PARTNER, CBIZ NATION SMITH HERMES DIAMOND & MAYER,**
- HOFFMAN & MCCANN, E.C.**

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