Accelerate Your Accounting Career

With USD’s combined bachelor’s and master’s accounting degree program, you can take Master of Accountancy (MACC) or Master of Taxation (MTAX) courses as early as the summer following your junior year. Once admitted into one of the graduate programs, you will continue your undergraduate studies during the day and take master’s courses in the evening. Students enrolled in the combined program typically earn their degrees in four-and-a-half to five years on a full-time basis.

The program consists of 154 semester units—124 for the BACC and 30 for the MACC or MTAX. Undergraduate students interested in meeting the 150-hour CPA requirement are strongly encouraged to consider the combined bachelor’s and master’s degree program.

Travel to Paris, Milan and Rome in an immersive six-unit study abroad program. The two program courses—International Accounting Issues and European Accounting Business Environment — emphasize International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as well as how to conduct business in Europe from a physical, cultural and intellectual perspective. This experience will empower you to engage in meaningful dialogue with international business professionals by visiting major international accounting and tax firms, monitoring local media and participating in discussions on real-world business cases.

Earn your MACC or MTAX within one semester of receiving your BACC — and at a reduced cost.

- You may earn up to 12 credits that apply toward both the BACC and MACC or MTAX degrees.
- Only students participating in the combined degree program can take a double-counted class.
- These courses count as general electives for the BACC.

"This option is not available to students who graduate and return to USD at a later time to complete the MACC or MTAX."
CURRICULUM (10 CLASSES / 30 SEMESTER HOURS)

MACC and MTAX Required Courses (9 semester hours)
- Ethics for Accounting Professionals
- Leadership in an Accounting Team Environment
- Negotiations: Strategy, Practice and Ethics

Additional MTAX Required Courses (18 semester hours)
- Partnership Taxation*
- Estate and Gift Taxation and Planning*
- Tax Research*
- Advanced Corporate Taxation*
- State and Local Taxation
- Taxation Policies and Procedures

Elective Courses

MACC students take 21 semester hours of elective courses and MTAX students take 3 hours of elective courses. Both can choose electives from the courses below. MACC students may also choose any MTAX required courses listed above as an elective course.

- Controllership and Cost Management*
- Accounting Analytics*
- Fundamentals of Personal Financial Planning
- Applied Research for Financial Accountants and Auditors*
- Not-For-Profit Accounting*
- Financial Statement Analysis for Accountants
- International Accounting Issues and European Accounting Business Environment (two courses taken concurrently)
- Professional Accountancy Internship
- Independent Study

*May be taken as a double-counted course

ADMISSION CRITERIA
- Declared USD BACC major only
- Completion of ACCT 300 and a minimum of one additional upper-division undergraduate accountancy course
- 3.0 overall GPA
- 3.0 GPA in all accountancy courses, including upper-division

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
- USD graduate online application (BACC to MACC or BACC to MTAX)
- Official USD transcripts
- Two professional letters of recommendation
- Resume
- Personal statement essay
- GMAT will be waived
- Application fee will be waived (code to be provided by the MACC/MTAX program coordinator)

Upon acceptance, you will meet with the academic director and complete an approved curriculum plan before starting your MACC or MTAX program.

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