



EDGEWOOD COLLEGE

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTANCY

*offered online or in the classroom*

## WHY GET AN EDGEWOOD COLLEGE MBA?

### STRONG VISION

Whether you're building your career in finance, marketing, human resources, or ultimately pursuing a CEO position, our MSA program gives you the critical learning experiences you need. Our program enables you to network with individuals from some of the top companies in the area.

### OUTSTANDING FACULTY

- Theory and Practice: Inspiring faculty combine their own ongoing real-world experiences and scholarly pursuits to give you the right balance of theory and practice.
- Career Coaching: Faculty members provide career development coaching and mentoring.
- ACBSP Accreditation: The Edgewood College School of Business is accredited by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).
- National Awards: Edgewood College has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report as a "Best National University," among "America's Best Colleges" by Forbes, and a "Best in the Midwest College" by Princeton Review.

### DESIGNED FOR WORKING PROFESSIONALS

- Flexible face-to-face format with online options designed for working adults.
- A flexible fee payment schedule allows you to pay after your grades are posted to take advantage of tuition reimbursement from your employer.

### EXCEPTIONAL CURRICULUM

- CPA Exam Prep: By completing the program, you will have earned the prerequisite 150 credits to sit for the CPA Exam.
- AICPA Core Competencies: The MS Accountancy curriculum is a rigorous and thorough, experienced-based curriculum integrating critical thinking, real-world experience and values-based management.
- Multi-Disciplinary Approach: Experts across disciplines contribute to the educational experience in a multi-media environment.
- Prerequisite Coursework: Most candidates with accounting degrees will have met these prerequisites. Candidates with degrees in business, liberal arts or other academic disciplines will need to complete the prerequisites.
- Small Class Size: Upper-level accounting classes typically have fewer than 15 students
- Internships: Our network with area firms gives unparalleled access to relevant internship opportunities.

### CAREER CHOICES

- On-Campus Recruiting: During our annual Career Fair, public accounting firms come on campus to recruit.
- Professional Portfolio: You may prepare an electronic professional portfolio capturing your key projects.
- Expansive Career Opportunities: Graduates have accepted positions with many organizations including: Baker Tilly, Strohm Ballweg, Wipfli, Wegner LLP, TDS, American Family, WI Dept. of Revenue.

### ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Accounting Club: This student-led organization serves to expand the experiences of accounting majors outside the classroom.
- Community Volunteer Opportunities: The Accounting Club actively coordinates the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA).



## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed graduate application. (The \$30 application fee is waived for graduates of Edgewood College and for veterans.)  
This application is for graduate students who want to pursue a Master's degree, certificate, or take courses as a non-degree student.
2. Official transcripts for a baccalaureate or advanced degree from a U.S. regionally accredited or equivalent college with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Official transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate academic credits received from any colleges should be sent directly to Edgewood College. Provide evidence of completion of the following 10 prerequisite courses or equivalent courses: \*
  - Micro-Economics or Macro-Economics
  - Statistics
  - Finite Math
  - Finance
  - Financial Accounting
  - Intermediate Accounting I<sup>2</sup>
  - Intermediate Accounting II<sup>2</sup>
  - Cost Accounting
  - Business Law I
  - Tax I<sup>2</sup>
6. If applicant's GPA is less than 2.5, Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or Graduate Record Exam (GRE) (with score converted to comparable GMAT) score of at least 430.\*  
Items requested in #2 through #6 may be sent to:  
**Edgewood College, Attn: GPS Admissions,**  
1000 Edgewood College Dr, Madison, WI 53711  
or via email at [gps@edgewood.edu](mailto:gps@edgewood.edu)
7. The Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) - for review and study assistance, visit: [princetonreview.com](http://princetonreview.com) or [kaplan.com](http://kaplan.com). Students must call 1-800-717-4628 (GMAT) or go online at [MBA.com](http://MBA.com) to register for the test. Enter the name of the school and city.  
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<sup>1</sup>Business calculus is also recommended and is a prerequisite for some of the electives in the MSA Program.

<sup>2</sup>Prerequisites must be taken at an accredited 4-year college or university.

3. Provide contact information for two college or university professors, supervisors, and/or professional colleagues who can serve as references and focus on the probability of your success in graduate school.
4. A written statement explaining what you hope to gain from your participation in the program, what you bring to the program, and how specific background experiences will aid in your success as a student.
5. A current professional resume.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

MS Accountancy coursework is divided into two categories: Business and Accounting Courses. Integrated throughout the courses are topics related to change, innovation, international business, and social responsibility. A total of 30 credits are required for completion of the degree. For students without undergraduate courses in business functional areas from a 4 year regionally accredited institution, it is recommended that they complete courses in the following areas: finance, marketing, management and IT Management.

### ACCOUNTING COURSES

A minimum of 15 credits of Accounting Courses

#### REQUIRED

- BUS 714 Advanced Cost Management & Control 3 Credit(s)\*
- BUS 726 Advanced Accounting I 3 Credit(s)
- BUS 727 Governmental and Not-for-Profit Accounting 3 Credit(s)\*\*
- BUS 756 Fraud and Forensic Accounting 3 Credit(s) \*
- BUS 798 Strategic Financial Management Accounting 3 Credit(s)

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#### ELECTIVES

- BUS 709 - Income Tax Accounting II 3 Credit(s)
- BUS 717 - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance I 1 Credit(s) And BUS 718 - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance II Variable 2-3 Credit(s)

#### Madison Testing Center

Pearson Professional Center | 8517 Excelsior Drive  
Madison, WI 53717 | 608-833-3991

GMAT Fee Waiver -Applicants with financial need may qualify for a GMAT fee waiver. To be considered for a fee waiver, please complete the following by December 15:

1. Complete a FAFSA at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov)
2. Submit a statement of need to [gps@edgewood.edu](mailto:gps@edgewood.edu). Please include the following information:
  - a. A description of your current financial situation, including any details about job or income changes, or other extenuating circumstances
  - b. A statement indicating the amount of any tuition reimbursement from your employer

For more information, please contact Edgewood Central at (608) 663-4300.

## BUSINESS COURSES

12 credits of Business Courses

### REQUIRED

- BUS 601 Executive Communication 3 Credit(s)
- BUS 616 Business Ethics 3 Credit(s) OR PHIL 604 - Professional Ethics 3 Credit(s)
- BUS 723 Business Law II 3 Credit(s)

### ELECTIVES

At least one of the following electives:

- BUS 603 - Organizational Development/Behavior 3 Credit(s)
- BUS 604 - Operations Management 3 Credit(s)
- BUS 605 - Statistics for Managers 3 Credit(s)
- BUS 606 - Strategic Marketing 3 Credit(s)
- BUS 607 - Corporate Finance 3 Credit(s)
- BUS 618 - Managing Information and Technology 3 Credit(s)
- BUS 679 - Business Internship Variable 3-6 Credit(s)
- BUS 712 - Investments 3 Credit(s)
- BUS 719 - Personal Financial Planning 3 Credit(s)
- BUS 761 - Quality Improvement Methods 3 Credit(s)
- BUS 792A - International Study Tour A-China 1 Credit(s) And BUS 792B - International Study Tour B-China 2 Credit(s)
- BUS 765A - International Study Tour A-Germany 1 Credit(s) And BUS 795B - International Study Tour B-Germany 2 Credit(s)

*International students must contact the Admissions Office regarding additional admission requirements.*



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