

Master of Science in Accountancy

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS OF BUSINESS



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A message from our Dean

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Wake Forest University and the Schools of Business.

The decision to pursue a graduate business degree will be one of the most important investments you will make in your life. Where you choose to study will have an enormous impact on the return that you will have on your investment.

The Wake Forest Schools of Business provide a unique opportunity for you, the aspiring business student. The rigorous curriculum will certainly arm you with the technical skills you need to succeed, but the Wake Forest experience is much more than that.

A complete business education must go beyond a technical knowledge, offering you the environment in which to develop a game plan for life. Our objective is to help each student define his or her calling in life and grow as a leader in all areas of life. You should be challenged to follow your passion so that your life's work has significance to you, as well as to our society. We will challenge you to "Find Your Fire," define your own success goals, prepare yourself to succeed, and then work hard to make it happen.

Our business students are taught by some of academia's brightest minds. The faculty here possess an understanding of what makes the business world work, and what makes it fail. Their ability to share that knowledge and help students learn is unmatched, and their commitment to providing practical experience puts a real-world face on the theories they teach.

We invite you to take on the challenge of engaging in our rigorous academic curriculum and vibrant intellectual community. We welcome you to a profession, to a calling. We welcome you to the Wake Forest University Schools of Business.



Steve Reinemund
Dean of Business



Ignite the power of your potential.

The Wake Forest University Schools of Business deliver a truly distinctive experience that focuses on a set of core philosophies and practices – each working together to help ignite and fuel the fires of imagination, creativity, passion, and excellence among our students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

CORE PRINCIPLES

Finding Your Fire

Challenge students to follow their passion so that their life's work has significance to them, as well as to society.

Moral Compass

Develop leaders who give weight to personal and societal well-being along with the bottom line.

Educational Rigor

Prepare students for personal and professional challenges by developing problem-solving and critical-thinking skills.

Diversity

Help our students understand, appreciate, and thrive in a classroom and community that reflect many differences and backgrounds.

World View

Provide our students with a curriculum that emphasizes global perspectives and world culture.

Rigorous, Relevant Scholarship

Encourage faculty to make original contributions to knowledge and incorporate the highest caliber of teaching standards.

Lifetime Skills

Provide the foundation of lifetime skills and habits that lead to success and opportunity.

Greetings!

On behalf of the accounting faculty at Wake Forest University, we are pleased that you are considering our Master of Science in Accountancy (MSA) program. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you a few of the reasons we believe our program may be the perfect place for you.

Our program is designed to enroll students from all majors and universities. Our current class of MSAs comprises approximately 95 students, of whom one half went through one of our undergraduate programs and the other half through other colleges and universities. Both business and liberal arts majors are represented.

The MSA program is designed to be completed on a full-time basis in either two or three semesters, depending on your undergraduate major and career situation. In addition, prerequisites may be taken on the Wake Forest campus the summer prior to entering the program.

One of the strengths of this program is a professional internship, which usually occurs during the spring semester. We consider this internship an integral part of the educational experience of our students and expect them to benefit from it in their subsequent coursework and in their careers. Although it is not a requirement of the program, most students take advantage of the professional internship, and the majority of students who have sought an internship have been placed in one.

We are proud of our placement record for internships and full-time employment. This is a tribute to our relationships with the accounting firms and corporations that recruit at Wake Forest University. Their loyalty, along with the loyalty of our alumni, has given us a foundation to grow our program without sacrificing the rigor of the coursework or the quality of the students.

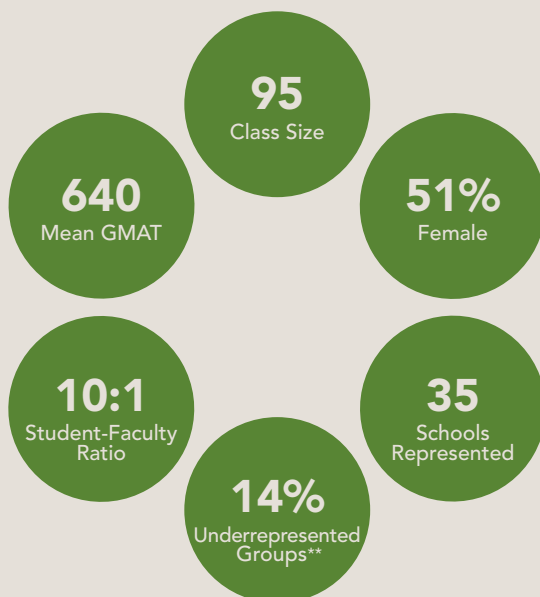
Our success on the CPA exam is yet another tribute to the quality of our program and our students. Since we began offering an MSA degree in 1997, our graduates have achieved the top national ranking seven times and placed second in the nation three times for candidates passing all four sections of the exam on their first attempt.

We welcome you to visit our campus to learn more about our program. You may arrange for on-campus visits through our website. We believe that if you research our program you will find it to be one of the best in the country and a good fit for those desiring a high-quality education, small class sizes, and an excellent opportunity to excel in the accounting profession.



*Yvonne Hinson
Director of Accountancy
PricewaterhouseCoopers Faculty Fellow
Associate Professor*

MSA CLASS OF 2010*



"I could not be happier with my experience. The attention that faculty devote to students' learning experience has exceeded my expectations. The opportunities that Wake Forest has provided, such as meeting with national partners and even the FASB Chair, have really been outstanding."

Mark Stone (MSA '09)

*As of July 31, 2009

**African American, Hispanic American, and Native American

Curriculum

The Master of Science in Accountancy program at Wake Forest University is a 12- to 18-month program that requires 30 hours of graduate coursework. The curriculum consists of 15 hours of required core coursework, additional required courses within a chosen track, and elective courses.

A student enrolled in the MSA program may choose from three tracks:



**Assurance
Services**



**Tax
Consulting**



**Transaction
Services**

ELECTIVES

Accounting and Auditing, Finance, Taxation, International Business, and approved MBA and Law Courses.

INTERNSHIP

The MSA program includes an optional paid internship early in the spring semester that provides valuable, real-world experience during the busiest time of the season. In its 13-year history, the MSA program has placed virtually 100% of students seeking internships, with most receiving multiple offers.

MSA ADVANTAGE

MSA graduates have up to five years to return to complete their MBA degree with only one additional year of study. Candidates must apply and fulfill requirements for Full-time MBA program admission.

Nationally Ranked, Recognized, and Respected

HIGHEST PASSING RATES

in the nation on the CPA exam for
the fourth consecutive year

RANKED 1ST OR 2ND NATIONALLY

for first-time pass rates on the CPA
exam in all but one year since 1997

The MSA also prepares students to take the CPA examination at the completion of the program. The Wake Forest University MSA program has received national recognition for its students' success on the examination since the first graduating class.

Career Management

To build the career you want, you'll need to start with a solid set of plans.

Our Career Management Center guides you through a process to establish a personal brand as you pursue vocational discernment.

BUILDING YOUR BRAND FOR LIFELONG CAREER MANAGEMENT



“Wake Forest has given me so many opportunities to get to know influential people through lectures or small group discussions...this environment facilitates strong relationships between students and professors, and I think that is something unique and valuable.”

Lisa Austin (BS '08, MSA '09)

Graduates of the MSA program begin their careers with public accounting firms and major corporations nationwide.

Bear Stearns
Deloitte
Dixon Hughes
Ernst and Young
Grant Thornton

Hughes Pittman Gupton
J.P. Morgan
KPMG
Merrill Lynch
PricewaterhouseCoopers

Reznick Group
RSM McGladrey
Scharf Pera
Time Warner

Admissions

The Office of Graduate Business Admissions welcomes applicants who have demonstrated academic achievement, professional experience, and community involvement. We look for leadership ability, motivation, focus, enthusiasm, strong values, and teamwork skills.



REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree
- \$75 nonrefundable application fee
- Current résumé or CV
- Official transcript
- Two recommendations
- GMAT
- TOEFL (if applicable)

Apply online at:
www.business.wfu.edu/apply
For upcoming events visit:
www.business.wfu.edu/events

KEY DATES

- **November 1** – Early application deadline (*Completed applications received by this date will be reviewed for an early decision. The deadline is nonbinding. Applications received after this date will be reviewed on a rolling basis.*)
- **March 1** – Scholarship deadline
- **June 1** – Final application deadline (*Qualified applicants are welcome to apply at any time. Applications will be accepted after this date on a space-available basis.*)
- **August 21** – Program begins

SCHOLARSHIPS

We offer merit-based scholarships on a competitive basis. All candidates who submit a complete application before the March 1 deadline will be considered. No separate application is required for scholarship consideration. Applications submitted after this deadline will be considered as funds are available. Applicants who are awarded a scholarship will be notified at the time of the admissions decision. Awards will be made only once. Admittance does not guarantee a scholarship.

Wake Forest University is accredited by:

AACSB International, The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, which represents the highest standard of achievement for business schools, worldwide. Accredited institutions confirm their commitment to quality and continuous improvement through a rigorous and comprehensive peer review.

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