MASTER of SCIENCE in ACCOUNTANCY
Rise to the top of your field with a Wake Forest MSA.

Our program’s historically high CPA pass rate and reputation with leading firms enables us to consistently place 100% of our students into jobs at graduation.
Highly recognized and well-respected for our rigor and results, leading companies come to Wake Forest for the talent they need.

Proven Outcomes
We consistently achieve a 100% employment rate for both paid internships and full-time jobs—and historically high CPA pass rates. Students typically receive multiple job offers, allowing our graduates to launch their careers with competitive salaries at major regional, national and international accounting and finance firms.

Career Prep
The Center for Market Readiness & Employment offers programs and one-to-one coaching to help you develop a job search plan, polish your résumé and hone your interviewing skills. During twice-yearly “Meet the Firms” events, you’ll network with leading accounting and financial services firms, refining your career goals and making invaluable connections.

Valuable Internship Opportunity
A fundamental part of the three-semester MSA program is the professional internship, a nine-week paid position that provides real-world experience. Internships are for those students who enter the MSA program without a post-MSA job offer and are completed in the spring semester during the busy accounting season.

“Wake Forest students are exceptional. We are so fortunate to hire these students for their work ethic, career enthusiasm, team focus and their high level of professionalism.”
Melissa Miller, Campus Development Manager, KPMG

100%
EMPLOYED OR RECEIVED OFFER
AT GRADUATION
CLASS OF 2016

#1
CPA PASS RATE
12 TIMES SINCE 1997
NASBA’S UNIFORM CPA EXAMINATION

#17
MASTER’S ACCOUNTING PROGRAM
PUBLIC ACCOUNTING REPORT, 2016
HIGH-CALIBER STUDENTS, DEDICATED FACULTY, AN INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM AND A COMMITMENT TO THOROUGH PREPARATION: It all adds up to explain why the Wake Forest MSA is among the nation’s top accounting programs.

BUSINESS ED REDEFINED
Classes and networking in Farrell Hall, a state-of-the-art, $55 million learning complex

INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION
A supportive learning environment with access to professors and mentors with relevant real-world knowledge

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE
A nine-week, paid internship during the busy accounting season, which often leads to a full-time offer

TOP RECRUITERS
A premier recruiting school for the “Big Four,” plus leading national and regional accounting firms

MEASURABLE RESULTS
Extraordinary pass rates on the CPA exam and a history of virtually 100% employment at graduation

The WAKE FOREST DIFFERENCE
We are the Wake Forest School for Business. We shape performance-ready professionals who are driven to achieve results with integrity.

Business is rapidly evolving. Today, it’s about more than what leaders know in their heads; it’s also what they know in their hearts. It’s having a foundation built on knowledge and skill—but it’s also about developing grit and fostering character.

The School of Business is consistently recognized for its rigor and innovation, both by rankings groups and by recruiters who seek professionals of the highest character who can demonstrate a global mindset and make immediate, meaningful contributions to their organizations.
Through the MSA program, you’ll acquire the knowledge and skills and develop the professional character you’ll need to thrive in the diverse and changing field of public accounting and beyond.

**Experiential, practical learning.** You’ll participate in intensive coursework, seminars and case-based research, giving you a broad, practical skill set.

**Our innovative program prepares you** for an enriching career in a broad range of fields, including assurance services/audit, tax consulting, and financial transaction services.

**Courses are taught by passionate educators** who are committed to personalized teaching and to their students’ individual development.

**Charles Iacovou**  
**Dean of Business**

Since joining the faculty in 2001, Dr. Iacovou has epitomized the teacher-scholar-professional model and has been instrumental in crafting a new strategic vision for the School of Business.
A Tradition of Excellence

For more than two decades, Wake Forest has remained committed to developing passionate, ethical leaders in the accounting profession. Since its inception in 1995, the MSA program has grown into one of the largest and most recognized programs of its kind in the U.S.
DON’T JUST GO TO CLASS.
GET TO WORK.

You’ll complete 30 rigorous hours of graduate coursework:
• 15 hours of required core courses
• 15 hours of track-specific and other elective courses tailored to your specific career goals

Two options to earn your Wake Forest MSA:
• Two-semester program
  For students who enter the MSA program having accepted (or planning to accept) a job offer that will begin after program completion.
• Three-semester program
  For students who enter the MSA program without a job offer. This program includes a busy season accounting internship in the spring semester. Students graduate in December.

Prerequisite Coursework
Wake Forest requires prerequisite courses prior to entering the MSA program for all students who have not completed the required coursework. These classes are offered on the Wake Forest campus the summer before the program begins in August.
See a complete listing of these courses on our website.

Choose the track that best suits your aptitudes and career interests

Assurance Services
For careers in the assurance/audit practice area. Courses include Advanced Auditing and Assurance Services; Forensic Accounting; and Negotiations.

Tax Consulting
For careers in the tax services practice area. Courses include Tax Research Methods; Tax Policy and Planning; and Selected Topics in Taxation.

Financial Transaction Services
Unique to Wake Forest
For careers in the financial transaction and advisory services areas. Courses include Financial Markets, Products and Transactions; Advanced Financial Management; and Business Analysis and Valuation.

CPA EXAM PREPARATION
Wake Forest partners with the nationally recognized Becker CPA Exam Review and MSA faculty teach review sessions the summer following the second semester of the MSA program.

CPA Pass Rates for first-time test takers
55% NATIONAL AVERAGE
83% WAKE FOREST AVERAGE
“I was drawn to Wake Forest by the fact the university consistently boasts 100% employment at graduation. I also placed a high priority on attending a university recognized for CPA exam success, and Wake Forest is at the very top in this regard.”

Marquis Pullen (MSA ’15)
Princeton University BA (Political Science)
CURRENT POSITION:
PwC – Charlotte, NC
Tax Associate

“Wake Forest was the clear choice because of their impressive reputation and consistent employment outcomes. I am confident my experiences at Wake Forest have provided the foundation needed to be successful in not only my current position, but in future positions as well.”

Kristen Lawson (MSA ’15)
UNC Asheville BS (Accounting)
CURRENT POSITION:
Deloitte – Boston, MA
Tax Consultant

Eligibility
To be eligible for the MS in Accountancy program, you must hold or be pursuing a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution. All undergraduate majors will be considered. See website for full eligibility criteria and prerequisites.