

Fast Track Program - Accounting BA plus Master of Arts in Leadership



Accountants who have both an understanding of financial information and the ability to lead people are in high demand. This program bridges an accounting undergraduate degree with a fast track into graduate level leadership studies. Augsburg accounting majors study theories and practices of financial accounting, managerial accounting, tax accounting, and auditing. Leadership courses cultivate relational skills in directing, persuading and strategic visioning to help increase productivity within financial departments and the larger organization.

Why bridge a BA in accounting with an MA in leadership at Augsburg?

- Learn in a small, supportive classroom environment with classmates from richly diverse backgrounds.
- Cultivate opportunities for internships and jobs by networking with employed peers in graduate studies.
- Experience career development as you are able to immediately apply the topics covered in class to your job and to your life.
- Move seamlessly from undergraduate to graduate studies while condensing the total time needed for both a bachelor's and master's degree. Apply three graduate level courses towards both finishing a bachelor's degree and starting a master's degree. Completion of the MAL degree is possible in 15 months.

"This program offers the unique opportunity for students to show the scope of their management skills. The ability to adeptly handle quantitative information and be versed in leadership studies creates a rare and powerful skill set that employers desire, especially for advanced positions in accounting."

—Stu Stoller, Department Chair, Accounting

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Program requirements

First Year Day Students:

If you would like to pursue this program as a first year student, your advisor will put you on an accounting track.

Sample Semester Schedule for Transfer Students with an AA in a Business Field:

- ACC 322 Accounting Theory and Practice I
- Modern Language of Your Choice - 1
- MIS 260 Problem Solving for Business
- REL 300 Bible, Christian Theology and Vocation
- HPE 001 Components of Fitness Training

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- ACC 323 Accounting Theory and Practice II
 - BUS 379 Quantitative Methods for Business
 - FIN 331 Financial Management
 - Modern Language of Your Choice – 2

Apply and gain acceptance to the MAL program, a cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required to take graduate courses as an undergraduate student.

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- ACC 324 Managerial Cost Accounting
 - ACC 423 Auditing
 - MAL 505 Foundational Leadership Course
 - KEY 490 Vocation and the Meaning of Success

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- ACC 326 Tax Accounting
 - ACC 425 Advanced Accounting
 - One undergraduate level elective course of choice
 - MAL elective course
 - MAL elective course

Officially bridge to MAL program as a graduate student. Bachelor's degree must be complete at this time.

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Students completing the accounting major will be prepared for entry-level positions as auditors and public accountants, management accountants, tax accountants, and internal auditors. Their education will give them knowledge and skills to work as accountants in business, government, and non-profit organizations and to work in other positions requiring engagement with financial information. Leadership studies offer relational skill development in directing and persuading as well as strategic envisioning. Students with accounting and leadership backgrounds are uniquely positioned for advanced managerial positions.

The Augsburg accounting major also provides students with the accounting and business coursework required to take the Uniformed Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam. Students should however note that, in order to take the exam they must have completed a total of 150-credit hours in either undergraduate or graduate coursework. Students will also have met the coursework requirements to take the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) exam.

Accounting majors are encouraged to consider taking one of the professional accounting examinations upon graduation. Students interested in learning more can find information at the following websites:

CPA exam general information:

aicpa.org/BecomeACPA/Pages/BecomeaCPA.aspx

State of Minnesota CPA exam requirements:

revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=1105.1500

CMA exam: imanet.org/cma_certification.aspx

Master of Arts in Leadership Degree

The full master's degree (MAL) is awarded upon successful completion of 11 courses or 33 graduate semester credits.

Sample Semester Schedule for MAL Completion

Summer Semester – 2 MAL courses

Fall Semester – 2 MAL courses

Spring Semester – 2 MAL courses

Summer Semester – 2 MAL courses

A total of 7 elective courses and 4 required courses complete the MAL degree. Required courses include ML 505, ML 514, ML 580 and ML 585.

