If you are looking to fast-track your accounting career, the Master of Science in Accounting (MSA) at American University of Sharjah (AUS) could be your gateway to professional recognition and success.

This widely lauded program provides participants with the skills and knowledge needed to facilitate career advancement in business, or PhD study in the field of accounting. By completing the program, you will have additional employment prospects open to you across areas including auditing, taxation, data analytics, financial control, financial analysis and more.

Why AUS?

- Flexible timing of classes, catering to busy professionals.
- A wide and varied choice of electives from across SBA’s graduate offering.
- Elite industry access including guest lectures from industry leaders and learning tasks undertaken in collaboration with financial institutions.
- Graduate student assistantships and work-study opportunities.
The MSA Curriculum
The MSA comprises six core courses, two elective courses and seven credit hours of Professional Research Project.
The core courses are:
- ACC 610 Topics in Financial Accounting
- ACC 611 Auditing and Attestation
- ACC 612 Advanced Topics in Managerial and Cost Accounting
- ACC 614 Regulatory Environment in Accounting
- ACC 615 Enterprise Database Systems and Analytics
- ACC 616 Advanced Topics in Financial Reporting
- ACC 695 Seminar (Zero credit)
- Professional Research Project (6 credit hours)

Accounting Electives
MSA students must complete two accounting elective courses from the following:
- ACC 620 Forensic Accounting and Fraud Examination
- ACC 622 Internal Auditing
- ACC 623 Financial Statement Reporting and Analysis
- ACC 628 Fraudulent Financial Reporting
- ACC 694 approved special topic ACC courses

Admission Requirements
For full admission to the MSA degree program at AUS, an applicant must:
- have a relevant bachelor’s degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 from an independently accredited university recognized by the UAE Ministry of Education. Applicants with a bachelor’s degree obtained outside the UAE must submit an equivalency of their degree from the UAE Ministry of Education, Higher Education Affairs Division.
- have attained a minimum Internet-Based TOEFL score of 80 or a minimum IELTS score of 6.5.
- submit a current vitae/resume.
Applicants who do not meet the full admission requirements might be eligible for conditional admission to the program and are encouraged to check the program website for more details.
The AUS MSA can help you become a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA).
AUS’ MSA will help you meet the 150-hour education requirement for CPA certification, as well as prepare students for the CPA examination through our tailored curriculum. The CPA exam is currently offered in the UAE, meaning you can prepare for and take the exam right here in the UAE. We have a number of faculty members who are licensed CPAs and know what it takes to qualify and register as a CPA.

The AUS MSA is specifically designed for busy career professionals.
The program has been updated so that those without an accounting background or without a recent qualification can be fast-tracked into the program, meaning you can complete your qualification sooner.

AUS offers competitive full and partial graduate assistantships for qualified students, along with additional graduate student employment opportunities.

DID YOU KNOW?
SBA also linked me to my first internship in the UAE with a major multinational company, so I am very happy. SBA is the best place to be.
Bamidele Rauf Agboluaje, Current MSA Student

Why SBA?

- Ranked number one (tied) in the UAE and among the top 250 universities globally for accounting and finance.
- Ranked within the world’s top 50 universities under 50 years of age.
- Ranked among the top 10 universities in the Arab world for the past eight years.
- Ranked among the world’s top 400 universities.

- Ranked first in the UAE and among the top 400 universities globally for business and economics.
- Among the top five universities with the highest percentage of international students.
- Ranked among the top 250 universities in the Asia region.

- AUS was the first university in the GCC to be rated for sustainability.

- Bloomberg has granted AUS Experiential Learning Partner status. AUS is the first university in the region and one of only 35 universities worldwide to receive this prestigious accolade.

- 86 percent of SBA faculty hold professorial ranks, having earned their PhDs from AACSB-accredited, predominantly North American universities.
- SBA’s student to faculty ratio is 15:1.

- SBA is home to the region’s first interactive trading floor, a replica of the trading firms of Wall Street or the Dubai Financial District.
- SBA maintains strong connections with the business world through professional seminars, real-world projects and research, and a global network of successful AUS alumni.

Detailed information regarding admission and graduation requirements can be found at www.aus.edu/sba/msa.