

Master of Science in

ACCOUNTING



Accelerate Your Career with a Master's in Accounting

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 Graduate Research Assistantship (GRA) has not only contributed towards who I am today, but has honed my research skills and learning potential. Investigating areas of interests in academia has become more intriguing since I have had experienced faculty assisting me in better formulating research papers that possess the potential for publication.

Maryam Babu, MSA Graduate, 2019



The program gave me exposure to aspects of accounting that were far more interesting than I could have imagined. It was as challenging as it was rewarding. And now, more than a year later, I look back and I know I made the right choice.

Noora Buali, Finance Controller, Emirates Group, UAE



Our MSA graduates occupy senior accounting positions, including chief financial controllers, in major organizations in the UAE and around the world.

On completion of the MSA you will be able to:

- show proficiency in the core knowledge required to pursue an accounting career in either the public or private sector
- demonstrate advanced knowledge of financial statements, regulations, auditing standards and procedures, standards of ethical conduct and their application
- assess the financial, ethical and social implications of selecting various accounting policies to support decisions made by internal and external users of accounting information
- manage business complexities using professional leadership and critical thinking skills
- develop technical and non-technical accounting competencies, being able to explain accounting concepts effectively in both oral and written form

AUS' First-Class Service for MSA Students

- SBA's **Graduate Program Office and Department of Accounting** assist our MSA students in choosing courses that align with their career goals, while also offering guidance on schedule planning and fulfilling administrative requirements.
- SBA maintains **strong connections with both local and international companies**, collaborating with these organizations to help place MSA graduates in career opportunities.



The MSA program at AUS allowed me to delve deeper into critical aspects of accounting and business. My MSA journey was challenging yet very rewarding. The program's classes are very interactive and are geared towards preparing students for professional accounting certifications. If you are looking for a program that challenges your thinking, opens for you promising career options, and ensures quality throughout the learning process, then the Master of Science in Accounting at AUS is your best option!

Rana Hamdan, MSA Graduate 2019



The MSA Curriculum

To qualify for graduation with the MSA degree, students must successfully complete six core courses and four elective courses.

Required Core Courses

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

Elective Courses

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

Students must also complete two non-accounting elective courses from the following:

- **one or two 600-level MBA** courses (excluding MBA 613)
- **one or two 600-level MSF** courses



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



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 Higher Education and Scientific Research. Applicants with a bachelor's degree obtained outside the UAE must submit an equivalency of their degree from the UAE Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.
- 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 our website for more details.

DID YOU KNOW?

- 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.

- As a graduate student at AUS, you have the flexibility to choose between a part-time or full-time schedule, with classes offered at times suitable for those in the workforce.

The program offers a fast-track option for individuals without an accounting background or recent qualifications, allowing you to complete your degree more quickly.

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

WHY AUS?



- **Top 22 percent** of the world's ranked universities (2025)
- **Top 10 universities in the Arab world** for 10 years (2025)
- **Top 3 universities** in the UAE (2025)
- **#2 (tied) in the UAE** for business and management studies (2025)
- **#2 in employer reputation** in the UAE (2025)
- **#8 (tied) MBA in the Middle East and Africa** and among **the top 200 in the world** (2025)



- **Top five universities** in the world with the **highest percentage of international students** (2024)
- **Top 150 universities** in Asia (2024)



AUS has been named a Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) **Gold Institution** by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) based on its accomplishments in campus sustainability.



SBA is **accredited** by the prestigious Association to **Advance Collegiate Schools of Business** (AACSB).



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 go.aus.edu/msa.

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