

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CENTRAL TEXAS
2025-2026 Catalog Advising Guide
MS Accounting

Program Overview:

The Master of Science in Accounting degree is a 30-credit-hour program that provides a tailored educational experience for students to take their accounting skills to the next level, qualify to sit for professional accounting certification examinations and advance their careers in accounting.

Program Requirements:

MS Accounting CORE (8 Courses/24 Credit Hours)	Term Completed	Grade
ACCT 5301 Data Analytics in Accounting		
ACCT 5305 Accounting Theory		
ACCT 5340 Ethics in Accounting		
ACCT 5345 Financial Statement Analysis		
ACCT 5350 Forensic Accounting		
ACCT 5355 International Accounting		
ACCT 5365 Accounting Research Seminar		
ACCT 5370 Advanced Auditing		
ACCT 5090 Comprehensive Exam (Zero Credits)		
Electives (6 hours if no emphasis selected*)	Term Completed	Grade
ACCT , BUSI, CIS, FIN , HEAD, HRM, MGMT, or MKTG Course		
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*Emphases are available in Accounting Information Systems and Control, Tax Compliance and Planning, Analytical Financial Management, Data Analytics, and Cybersecurity. The requirements for each are listed below in the course rotation information.

NOTE: This is a tentative guide used for advisement purposes. It is not considered to be the official Texas A&M University-Central Texas degree plan, and it is subject to review and change by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Program Course Rotation (Fall 2025-Summer 2027)

The College of Business Administration strives to offer as many course sections as we can, but not every course is available in every term, time, or preferred format. It is critically important that you use the course rotation below while factoring in any prerequisites to ensure that you can graduate when you should reasonably expect to. Course times may vary from term to term, and the course length could be 16 or 8 weeks. Deviations from that plan may result in delayed graduation. As we do not want you to deviate, we will do our best to deliver the expected rotation of courses, but cannot guarantee it due to staffing issues beyond our control.

Course Modality Key:

Hybrid (H) – Generally, about 50% of the course is offered in a classroom. You will need to review the schedule when registering to determine the exact meeting schedule.

Online (O) – Generally, the class may be completed asynchronously online. You may have specific due dates for work and/or schedule meetings with classmates or the instructor.

MS Accounting - Core (8 Course/24 Hours)											
Course	Course Title	Fall 25 16 Weeks		Spring 26 16 Weeks		Summer 26	Fall 26 16 Weeks		Spring 27 16 Weeks		Summer 27
		1st 8 Weeks	2nd 8 Weeks	1st 8 Weeks	2nd 8 Weeks	8 Weeks	1st 8 Weeks	2nd 8 Weeks	1st 8 Weeks	2nd 8 Weeks	8 Weeks
ACCT 5301	Data Analytics in Accounting				Online					H & O	
ACCT 5305	Accounting Theory	Online					H & O				
ACCT 5340	Ethics in Accounting			Online					H & O		
ACCT 5345	Financial Statement Analysis	H & O					Online				
ACCT 5350	Forensic Accounting		Online					H & O			
ACCT 5355	International Accounting				H & O					Online	
ACCT 5365	Accounting Research Seminar		H & O					Online			
ACCT 5370	Advanced Auditing			H & O					Online		
ACCT 5090	Comprehensive Exam		Online		Online	Online		Online		Online	Online

Concentrations/Certificates

Accounting Information Systems and Control (Certificate)

Course		Fall 25 16 Weeks		Spring 26 16 Weeks		Summer 26	Fall 26 16 Weeks		Spring 27 16 Weeks		Summer 27
		1st 8 Weeks	2nd 8 Weeks	1st 8 Weeks	2nd 8 Weeks	8 Weeks	1st 8 Weeks	2nd 8 Weeks	1st 8 Weeks	2nd 8 Weeks	8 Weeks
ACCT 5310	Advanced Accounting Systems				Online					H & O	
ACCT 5360	Information Technology Audit	H & O					Online				

Tax Compliance and Planning

Course		Fall 25 16 Weeks		Spring 26 16 Weeks		Summer 26	Fall 26 16 Weeks		Spring 27 16 Weeks		Summer 27
		1st 8 Weeks	2nd 8 Weeks	1st 8 Weeks	2nd 8 Weeks	8 Weeks	1st 8 Weeks	2nd 8 Weeks	1st 8 Weeks	2nd 8 Weeks	8 Weeks
ACCT 5320	Corporate Tax			H & O					Online		
ACCT 5335	Estate Planning		Online					H & O			
ACCT 5375	Tax Research					Online					Online

Analytical Financial Management

Course		Fall 25 16 Weeks		Spring 26 16 Weeks		Summer 26	Fall 26 16 Weeks		Spring 27 16 Weeks		Summer 27
		1st 8 Weeks	2nd 8 Weeks	1st 8 Weeks	2nd 8 Weeks	8 Weeks	1st 8 Weeks	2nd 8 Weeks	1st 8 Weeks	2nd 8 Weeks	8 Weeks
FIN 5307	Financial Management	Class & Online (16)		Class & Online (16)		Online	Class & Online (16)		Class & Online (16)		Online
FIN 5304	Investments				Online					Online	
FIN 5389	Selected Topics in Finance		Online					Online			

Data Analytics (Certificate)

Course		Fall 25 16 Weeks		Spring 26 16 Weeks		Summer 26	Fall 26 16 Weeks		Spring 27 16 Weeks		Summer 27
		1st 8 Weeks	2nd 8 Weeks	1st 8 Weeks	2nd 8 Weeks	8 Weeks	1st 8 Weeks	2nd 8 Weeks	1st 8 Weeks	2nd 8 Weeks	8 Weeks
CIS 5353	Data Analytics & Management	Online 16 & 1st 8		Class & Online (16)		Online	Online		Class & Online		Online

CIS 5355	Visual Analytics		H & O					H & O			
CIS 5356	Applied Machine Learning			H & O					H & O		
CIS 5357	Web & Social Analytics				H & O					H & O	
Cybersecurity (Certificate)											
Course	Course Title	Fall 25 16 Weeks		Spring 26 16 Weeks		Summer 26	Fall 26 16 Weeks		Spring 27 16 Weeks		Summer 27
		1st 8 Weeks	2nd 8 Weeks	1st 8 Weeks	2nd 8 Weeks	8 Weeks	1st 8 Weeks	2nd 8 Weeks	1st 8 Weeks	2nd 8 Weeks	8 Weeks
CIS 5370	Foundations of Info. Security			H & O					H & O		
CIS 5371	Enterprise Cybersecurity Mgmt.	H & O					H & O				
CIS 5372	Network and Systems Security				H & O					H & O	
CIS 5373	Digital Forensics		H & O			Online		H & O			Online

MS ACCT Program Tips

- **Advising Support:** If you need assistance with course mapping or registration, don't hesitate to reach out to an academic advisor. They're here to help! If you don't check in every term, please check in with them when you're about halfway complete, so they can help ensure a smooth finish to your program!
- **Full-Time Status:** Taking 9 credit hours is considered full-time for graduate students versus twelve for undergraduate courses, demonstrating the increase in difficulty and time commitment. Thus, consider how many courses you take carefully!
- **Grade Considerations:** You must receive a C or better for any course to count. You must also have an overall 3.0 to graduate. This means that you could have two C's and get credit for both courses, but you would also need two A's to have a 3.0 and graduate.
- **Six-year Rule:** Unlike undergraduate courses, graduate courses generally only count towards a degree for six years. While it's perfectly fine to go slower or miss a term or two, be sure you complete all requirements within six years.
- **Degree Works:** We recommend checking your Degree Works before registering each term to ensure you're on track with your degree plan.
- **Course Availability:** Certain courses are only offered during specific terms (fall or spring). Please review the course rotation above to ensure you complete your program within your desired timeline.
- **General Course Scheduling Tip:** Watch the scheduling balance with eight- and sixteen-week courses. Two eight-week courses at one time, as often happens in the summer, are the equivalent of four sixteen-week courses, which is a lot of work.