

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Texas Lutheran University's Master of Accountancy (MAcy) program prepares students for successful careers in accounting while also developing technical knowledge and professional skills.

ABOUT THE DEGREE

As part of TLU's accredited Business Administration and Economics Department, this program prepares graduates to take the CPA exam and meets all the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy education requirements for the CPA license. The MAcy degree is attainable through two paths, concurrently with a bachelor's degree or directly after graduating with a relevant degree in business administration or accounting.

PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM WITH CONCURRENT BACHELOR'S & MASTER'S DEGREES

In this program, both the Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) and the MAcy are granted simultaneously at the completion of the program, which takes approximately five years.

In 2017, TLU's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) clinic helped file tax returns for 150 people in the Seguin community, putting more than \$180,000 back into the local economy. The clinic, managed entirely by students, also provides real-world experience and great opportunities for client interaction.

DIRECT ADMISSION TO MACY PROGRAM:

Applicants who already hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited university may apply for admission to the MAcy program. If the applicant's bachelor's degree is not equivalent to a B.B.A. in accounting, the applicant must complete certain additional courses. In some circumstances, other courses may be necessary to meet CPA exam eligibility requirements.

For a full list of course equivalencies, visit www.tlu.edu/accounting.

MACY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete the requirements listed for the B.B.A. degree in business administration with a professional specialization in accounting.

B.B.A. WITH ACCOUNTING SPECIALIZATION (24 HOURS)

- Accounting Information Systems
- Intermediate Accounting I & II
- Individual Income Tax
- Managerial Cost Accounting
- Auditing Principles
- An additional 5 hours of upper division accounting electives

Students must also take the following graduate courses:

- Advanced Accounting
- Accounting Theory & Research
- Contemporary Accounting Topics
- Advanced Financial Reporting
- 18 additional graduate hours (12 hours must be in accounting and 6 hours can be in business, economics, data analytics, or accounting).

In recent years, more than 90 percent of our concurrent students participated in an internship and had jobs before graduation. All of the Big Four accounting firms hire our graduates along with other national, regional, and local public accounting firms.

INTERNSHIPS

Most accounting students who apply for internships are accepted and receive job offers at the conclusion of their internship to start 15 months later after the student has finished their fifth year in the program. Internships typically begin during "busy season" from January through mid-March and then students return to campus for two compressed courses, which keeps them enrolled as full-time students. In some instances, internships may be continued through mid-April or until the end of the spring semester. Part-time and summer internships may be available. Summer internships are typically reserved for athletes who cannot intern during the spring.

For more information about the Master of Accountancy program and how to apply, contact the TLU Office of Admissions at admissions@tlu.edu or 830-372-8050. For more information about TLU, visit tlu.edu.



EARNING THE DEGREE

The master's degree is designed as a concurrent program with a bachelor's degree, but individuals who already hold a bachelor's degree can apply directly to the graduate program.

WHAT IS A CONCURRENT DEGREE?

A concurrent degree allows students to earn both an undergraduate and graduate degree in five years, perhaps requiring summer school in order for students to complete the degree within that time frame. The concurrent nature of the degree allows students to begin taking graduate classes during his or her senior year at TLU.

CONCURRENT DEGREE PROGRAM		
JUNIOR	FALL	At the end of the fall semester of the junior year, a student may apply to the graduate program.
	SPRING	Admission occurs. Student remains enrolled in undergraduate classes.
SENIOR	FALL	Student may take 1-2 graduate classes, depending on schedule and undergraduate degree plan.
	SPRING	Student may intern with an accounting firm for the first half of the semester and take 2 graduate classes during the second half of the semester. (Equates to full-time status of 12 hours).
GRADUATE	FALL	Student takes 3-4 graduate classes, depending on the degree plan.
	SPRING	Student takes 2 graduate classes and begins taking the CPA exam.

WHAT IF I WANT TO APPLY AS A GRADUATE STUDENT?

Students who hold a bachelor's degree from TLU or another accredited institution should meet with an Admissions Representative for information on the application and admissions process.

GRADUATE PROGRAM		
GRADUATE	FALL	Student takes 4-5 graduate classes, depending on degree plan.
	SPRING	Student takes 4-5 graduate classes, depending on degree plan.

APPLYING TO TLU

You can use the Common Application - available August 1 - or Apply Texas Application - available July 1 - to apply to TLU.

Along with your application for admission, you will need to submit the following:

- **Personal essay.** You can use the essay prompts on the Common Application or Apply Texas or submit your own essay or graded writing sample. Please take the time to write an essay with at least 500 words.
- **Official transcript** sent directly from your high school with current class ranking and cumulative GPA

- **Official SAT/ACT test scores.** Transfer applicants are not required to submit scores if they have more than 15 transferable hours

- **Recommendation letters** are not required but are encouraged

Application Deadlines
 Early Action – Apply by Nov. 15
 Regular Decision – Apply by Feb. 1
 Late Decision – Apply after Feb. 1

Questions or Want to Schedule a Visit?

Contact the TLU Admissions office at admissions@tlu.edu or 830-372-8050 or schedule your personalized visit at tlu.edu/visit.