Admission Requirements for the M.S. in Accounting Program

Admissions Requirements

The McIntire School of Commerce seeks well-rounded individuals who bring exceptional intellectual capabilities, strong academic preparation, and a passion for their chosen field of study. The graduate admissions committee looks for evidence of competitive academic performance; work and life experiences; and qualities of character such as motivation, maturity, tenacity, integrity, ability to work with others, self-reliance, and leadership. Factors such as diversity of perspective and international experience may also be considered. Candidates who are non-native English speakers must demonstrate sufficient oral and written English language skills to be successful in an intensive and collaborative learning environment.

Minimum Requirements

- An baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.
- Official scores for the GMAT.
- Official scores for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) for all non-native English speakers. Candidates who have received a degree from an institution whose official language is English may submit a written request for a waiver of the TOEFL requirement. McIntire requires a minimum score of 600 (250 on the computer-based version), and recommends scores of 620 (260 computer-based) or above to be competitive for admissions.
- Completion of the following courses prior to matriculation:
  - Intermediate Accounting I and II (six semester hours)
  - Federal Taxation I
  - Introductory Auditing

Program Requirements

- Thirty hours of course credit. Students who begin their graduate program with more than 120 hours of course credit can apply up to 6 hours toward the 30-hour requirement. However, the courses so applied must be 400 or 500-level courses that were not used to satisfy the requirements for the student’s undergraduate concentration or major.
- Students can choose between either a financial reporting and assurance track or a tax consulting track.
- Students who choose the financial reporting and assurance track take the following required courses:
  - Commerce 514- Strategic Cost Management
  - Commerce 546- Federal Tax II
  - Commerce 733- Business Risk and Controls
Students who choose the **tax consulting track** take the following required courses.

- Commerce 514- Strategic Cost Management
- Commerce 741- Tax Research
- Commerce 743- Taxation of Pass Through Entities
- Commerce 744- Taxation of Corporate/Shareholder Transactions
- One additional graduate tax accounting course

In addition to their accounting course requirements, students can take approved commerce or non-commerce electives. At least 3-hours should be an additional 700 graduate-level accounting course.

All applicants are considered without regard to age, color, disability, national or ethnic origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, or veteran status.

We appreciate your interest in the McIntire School of Commerce and look forward to helping you decide if our unique approach to graduate education is right for you. We invite you to take advantage of our online admissions services to learn more about what makes the University of Virginia and the McIntire School of Commerce an ideal environment for graduate studies.