

The MSA Program, a stand-alone graduate program, is designed not just to be exam preparation but career preparation. The program provides students with the courses required to qualify for the Certified Public Accountancy (CPA) license while gaining a graduate degree from the prestigious Cox School of Business. While at Cox, students are exposed to valuable networking opportunities and taught by distinguished faculty in a small-classroom setting.

The MSA can be pursued either full time or part time. If taken full time, the MSA can be completed in two semesters. If taken part time, the MSA can be completed in four semesters. The MSA requires a total of 32 credit hours.

Application Requirements

Students are admitted to the MSA for the fall or spring term. Applicants are required to submit the following items for admission consideration:

- Application Form & Application Fee
- Cover Letter & Resume
- Essays
- Official GMAT Score Report (not required for SMU Cox undergraduates)
- Transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- Recommendations
- Official TOEFL or Pearson PTE Score Report (International students only)

Please see the application for complete instructions on how to apply.

Application Deadlines

Spring Term (Starts early January)	
- Suggested for International Applicants	September 1
- Final Admission	October 15
Fall Term (Starts mid-August)	
- Early Admission & Scholarship Consideration	January 20
- Suggested for International Applicants	March 1
- Final Admission	June 30

Tuition Estimates (2011-2012)

Full-Time Enrollment	
Tuition & General Student Fee	\$40,216

Prerequisite Requirements

Applicants must demonstrate proficiencies in the following areas as demonstrated by satisfactory completion of the following courses, or course equivalents:

Fundamentals of Accounting (I & II)	6 credit hours
Intermediate Accounting (I & II)	6 credit hours
Federal Income Tax	3 credit hours
Cost Accounting	3 credit hours

Please note that Cost Accounting can be fulfilled by completing ACCT 6205 as an elective during MSA. The other courses must be completed **PRIOR** to beginning the Cox MSA program. These courses do not have to be completed at SMU, but it is preferred that they be completed at a four-year accredited university.

Contact Information

Request Information, Prerequisites, Curriculum, Admissions Process, Admissions Committee
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Cox MSA Curriculum Requirements

Entering Fall 2011 – Cox MSA Class of 2012

Sample Courses of Study*

Fall 2011 – Total Credit Hours 16

Module A Courses (Total 8 Hrs)

ACCT 6226 Accounting Information Systems (2 Hrs)
ACCT 6248 Graduate Seminar in Taxation I (2 Hrs)
Elective Courses – Two (2 Hrs each)

Module B Courses (Total 8 Hrs)

ACCT 6214 Mergers and Acquisitions I (2 Hrs)
ACCT 6249 Graduate Seminar in Taxation II (2 Hrs)
Elective Courses – Two (2 Hrs each)

***Curriculum is subject to change**

Courses of Study Summary

Required courses	16 credit hours
Elective courses	16 credit hours

Cox MSA degree requirements	32 credit hours
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Spring 2012 – Total Credit Hours 16

Module A Courses (Total 8 Hrs)

ACCT 6215 Mergers and Acquisitions II (2 Hrs)
ACCT 6243 Auditing I (2 Hrs)
Elective Courses – Two (2 Hrs each)

Module B Courses (Total 8 Hrs)

ACCT 6246 Seminar in Financial Accounting (2 Hrs)
ACCT 6244 Auditing II (2 Hrs)
Elective Courses – Two (2 Hrs each)

Tax Concentration (Taken as Electives)

ACCT 6239 Tax Research (Fall, Module A)
ACCT 6240 Advanced Corporate and Partnership Taxation (Fall, Module B)
ACCT 6241 International and State Taxation (Spring, Module A)
ACCT 6242 Accounting for Income Taxes (Spring, Module B)

Elective Course Recommendations

ACCT 6210 Financial Reporting & Analysis I
ACCT 6211 Financial Statement Analysis
ACCT 6212 Financial Reporting & Analysis II
ACCT 6217 International Financial Reporting
ACCT 6218 Forensic Accounting and Financial Statement Fraud
ACCT 6221 Management Control Systems
FINA 6205 Finance Theory and Practice
FINA 6211 Valuation and Analysis

Many more electives are available

Ethics Requirement for State of Texas

This requirement is currently met by taking the following two courses:

1. MNO 6220 Corporate Governance (Spring Mod A)
2. BL 6225 Legal and Ethical Environment of Business for Accountants (Spring Mod B)

Or ACCT 3391 taken as SMU Undergraduate

Part-Time MSA Program Option

Students have the option of completing the Cox MSA on a part-time basis. All of the required accounting courses and accounting electives are offered during the day and night (subject to availability). Some electives may only be available either day or night. Estimated tuition and general student fees for part-time enrollment during the 2011-2012 academic year is \$1,616 per credit hour.