The Details: CPA Licensure

All current students planning to pursue their CPA license will need to meet the following requirements. Google “CPA Licensing Handbook” to find the California Board of Accountancy’s full rulebook for first–time applicants.

Requirements for CPA Licensure

❖ **Education required to take CPA Exam:**
  - 36 Quarter Units – Accounting Subjects
  - 36 Quarter Units – Business-related Subjects
  - Bachelor’s degree

❖ **Education required to attain CPA License:**
  - 30 Quarter Units – Accounting Study
  - 15 Quarter Units – Ethics Study
  - Overall total of 225 quarter units of college education

❖ **1 Year Work Experience**

❖ **Pass CPA Exam**

Find information about what specific classes are required by Googling “CPA Board Tip Sheet”. While reviewing the tip sheet, note that semester and quarter units are weighed differently \( \text{semester units} \times 1.5 = \text{quarter units} \).

❖ Rady offers additional accounting elective classes (including MGT133, MGT134, MGT138, MGT139, MGT146, and MGT147) to help students satisfy the CPA educational requirements. However, UCSD has a maximum unit limitation of 200 units and students need a minimum of 225 quarter units in order to be eligible for the CPA license. Extra units can be completed after graduation by obtaining a Master’s Degree in Accounting, or by taking additional courses at a community college, another university, or a continuing education program such as UCSD Extension.