

# MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY



## WHY? RADY?

The **MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY** at UC San Diego's Rady School of Management is a STEM-designated program designed to prepare students to meet the needs of innovation-driven high technology companies. You will be able to create immediate value in organizations by improving the marketing, financial, management and operational decisions of businesses. Leveraging the considerable strengths of UC San Diego and its expertise in computer science, statistical modeling, predictive analytics, econometric forecasting and management sciences, the Rady School's project-based classes tackle the big questions and prepare you to recognize that every business problem is ultimately an accounting challenge.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

- The Rady School's MPAc is a 50-unit STEM degree program
- It can be completed in as little as nine months
- Its curriculum consists of seven 4-unit core courses, two 1-unit professional seminars and 20 units from a set of elective courses.

### CURRICULUM

#### REQUIRED COURSES

- Internal Control over Financial Reporting
- Advanced Auditing and Forensic Accounting
- Professional Research and Communication for Accountants
- Business Law
- Professional Seminar – CPA Readiness
- Financial Statement Analysis
- Ethics in Accounting and Business
- Capstone
- Professional Seminar – Current Topics and Accounting and Tax

#### ELECTIVE COURSES\*

- Current Issues in the Practice and Regulation of Auditing\*
- CEO, the Board of Directors and Corporate Governance\*
- Topics in Organizational Behavior\*
- Topics in Corporate Governance\*
- Global Taxation and Business Strategy
- Topics in Accounting: Big Data in Auditing
- Topics in Taxation: Accounting for Income Taxes
- Systems, Processes, Technology and Data for Accounting
- Corporate Valuation and Forecasting
- Technology and Strategy
- Power and Politics
- Energy Finance
- Negotiations
- Legal & Ethical Issues in Big Data
- Creativity and Innovation
- Project Management
- Behavioral Finance

*\* Elective offerings vary each quarter. Students must take at least one of the four electives highlighted as part of their elective enrollment. Also note that your ultimate choices might be limited to classes that fulfill your eligibility requirements for the CPA examination and licensure, which varies state by state.*

## GAIN REAL-WORLD SKILLS TO LAUNCH YOUR ACCOUNTANCY CAREER

Upon completing your Rady School MPAC you will fulfill the CPA accounting education requirements (those who majored in accounting in undergraduate programs and most students who minored in accounting), and receive a dual emphasis on U.S. GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). During your time as a student, and as an alumni, you will be able to receive personalized coaching and have access to an array of programs and resources from the Rady School Graduate Career Management Center.

## MPAC CAPSTONE PROJECT

Accountants build trust and confidence in capital markets all over world. For your Capstone Project, you will be asked to support decision-makers as they navigate the complex demands of a growing number of stakeholders and will combine the knowledge gained through your studies with real world application. Supervised by a member of the faculty, you will work side-by-side with leaders of small start-ups, government agencies, corporations, or professional services organizations. The topic, chosen by you, will fall under one of four strategic themes that boards have high on their agenda. Our 2020 and 2021 Capstone Project focused on Digital Transformation, creating more resilient business enterprises and supply chains. Your Capstone Project will culminate in the delivery at our annual MPAC Conference.

### APPLICATION & ADMISSIONS PROCESS

#### APPLICATION ONLINE

- Letters of Recommendation (2)
- Essay, resume, transcripts
- GMAT/GRE not required
- TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE test scores (for international)
- Candidates with all undergraduate degrees may apply
- Those with significant prior study in Accounting will have priority

#### APPLICATIONS REVIEWED ON A ROLLING BASIS

- Visit [cutt.ly/radympacdates](http://cutt.ly/radympacdates) for application dates
- Interview by invitation only

### COST & FINANCING

For more information please visit [cutt.ly/radympac](http://cutt.ly/radympac) to see application dates, associated tuition costs and fellowship and scholarship opportunities.



#### Ready to Advance Your Career?

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Call us: 858-534-0864

Or scan the QR code to fill out an interest form

## STUDY IN SUNNY SAN DIEGO CALIFORNIA

In addition to our 300 days of sunshine and miles of beaches, San Diego provides unique business opportunities to help propel your career:

- The third largest life sciences market in the country, after San Francisco and Boston
- A booming telecom industry
- An economically vibrant binational region with the busiest border crossing in the world
- Strong industry connections throughout Southern California and beyond