The Rady School’s MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY (MPAc) enhances future career opportunities by preparing students for a wide range of accounting career opportunities that span public accounting firms, corporate accounting departments, and not-for-profit and governmental organizations. The foundation of the MPAc experience at Rady includes outstanding faculty, integrative accounting knowledge, team projects, emphasis on communication and teamwork, case studies, professional seminars, guest speakers, simulations, and hands-on experiences.

MPAc Curriculum | The Rady School’s MPAc curriculum is composed of quantitative, analytical, legal and regulatory coursework. The program is 50 units and can be completed in as little as nine months.

1 Year Sample Program

**Fall Quarter**
- Business Law
- Ethics in Accounting and Business
- Advanced Auditing and Forensic Accounting
- Financial Statement Analysis
- Professional Seminar

**Winter Quarter**
- Professional Research and Communication for Accountants
- Internal Control over Financial Reporting
- Elective
- Elective
- Professional Seminar

**Spring Quarter**
- Elective
- Elective
- Elective

**Examples of Elective Options** | Electives = 40 percent of curriculum

- Corporate Valuation and Forecasting
- Current Issues in the Practice and Regulation of Auditing
- Global Taxation and Business Strategy
- Financial Risk Management
- Technology and Innovation Strategy
- Collecting and Analyzing Financial Data

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In the Rady School MPAc program you will:

- Fulfill accounting education requirements for CPA licensure.
- Acquire an advanced degree to become more attractive to potential employers.
- Be part of the UC San Diego and Rady School networks.

MPAc Capstone Project

The MPAc capstone is designed to give students hands-on experience at organizations ranging from technology giants to non-profits to the Big Four accounting firms. Students work in teams of three to five under the supervision of a faculty member to complete a financial reporting and analysis project.

About the Course


Students apply knowledge and methods learned in the program to:

- Build a hypothetical consolidation between two international companies.
- Conduct pro forma financial analyses of the merger.
- Evaluate the merits of the merger based on their analyses.

**Program Prerequisites**

Prospective students should have a solid accounting foundation. Applicants must have successfully completed 24 quarter units (16 semester units) in accounting including:

- Managerial Accounting
- Financial Accounting
- Intermediate Accounting I
- Intermediate Accounting II
- Auditing
- Federal Taxation

Additional coursework in accounting is not required for admissions though it may strengthen a candidate’s application. Students with non-accounting undergraduate degrees and less than 24 quarter units (16 semester units) in accounting will be considered on an exceptional basis.

For those who need to fulfill prerequisites, Rady offers the following summer courses:

**Session 1**

- Financial Accounting
- Managerial Accounting
- Intermediate Accounting
- Auditing

**Session 2**

- Financial Accounting
- Intermediate Accounting B

**Admissions | Application Online**

- Letters of Recommendation (2)
- Essays, resume, transcripts
- GMAT or GRE scores
- English proficiency testing, if required (valid two years)

**Deadlines:**

- Nov 1 (Early decision), Dec 1, Feb 1, Apr 1 (International deadline), June 1

- Interview by invitation only
- Applications reviewed on a rolling basis

**QUESTIONS ABOUT MPAC?**

For more information or questions about the MPAC program, please contact the Rady School Graduate Program Admissions Office at 858.534.0864 or RadyGradAdmissions@ucsd.edu

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