

# Accounting

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*Master in Professional Accounting  
Master of Science in Accounting  
Doctor of Philosophy*

## For More Information

### MPA Program

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## Facilities for Graduate Work

The physical facilities, computing systems, and research centers that support graduate work in the McCombs School are described in the Business Administration section under [Facilities for Graduate Work](#).

## Areas of Study

The objective of this program is to provide the student with a sound foundation in the body of knowledge of business administration, broad exposure to the discipline of accounting, and the greater depth in accounting required to specialize and to enter the profession with the prospect of rapid career progress, high-level responsibility, and future leadership. The program is designed to provide outstanding students with the educational foundation for successful careers in public accounting, industry, consulting, not-for-profit organizations, and educational and financial institutions.

## Graduate Studies Committee

The following faculty members served on the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) in the spring 2025 semester.

Andrew Belnap  
Eric Chan  
Shuping Chen  
Michael B Clement  
Lisa Nicole De Simone  
Jeffrey Hales  
Nicholas Jennings Hallman  
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Hyun Hwang  
Steven J Kachelmeier  
Urooj Khan  
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Matthew R Kubic  
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John M McInnis  
Lillian Fawn Mills  
Jaime Joy Schmidt  
Sara M Toynbee  
Aruhn Venkat  
Hristiana Vidinova  
Braden Mern Williams  
Yong Yu  
Ronghuo Zheng

## Admission Requirements

### Master in Professional Accounting

Applications to the Master in Professional Accounting (MPA) program are accepted for the fall semester only. The Admissions Committee considers each completed application, giving particular attention to the statement of purpose, prior academic performance, letters of recommendation, extracurricular and community activities, honors and achievements, test scores, work history (if applicable), and other factors.

The MPA program is sufficiently flexible to accommodate students with bachelor's degrees in any field of study. Applicants should complete the required pre-enrollment courses before applying for admission, as outlined on the [MPA website](#). Students without a sufficient background in financial accounting will be expected to start the MPA program in the summer.

Upon admission to the program, students must pay a nonrefundable enrollment deposit to indicate that they accept the offer of admission. The deposit is applied to the payment of tuition when the student enrolls. All fees and deposits are subject to change with appropriate approval. Students should consult the [General Information Catalog](#) for the current amount of the enrollment deposit.

The MPA Bridge Program offers undergraduate students at The University of Texas at Austin an opportunity to prepare for future graduate study by providing access to courses and program resources that normally require graduate standing. University of Texas at Austin undergraduate students may apply for admission through the MPA program. Admission to a bridge program is highly competitive and does not guarantee admission to a graduate degree program. Additional information can be found on the [MPA website](#).

### Doctor of Philosophy

Admission to the PhD program is based on a holistic review by the PhD Admissions Committee of several factors, including the applicant's motivations for doctoral study, academic and work experience, and academic credentials. The number of applicants admitted is limited by the faculty's commitment to provide financial assistance, excellent teaching, and expert guidance to each student.