School of Accounting

The School of Accounting offers three degree programs in accounting:

1. BS in Business Administration with a major in accounting,
2. MS in accounting, and
3. PhD in Business Administration with an emphasis in accounting.

Accounting plays a critical role in supporting a prosperous society. The School of Accounting prepares students to become part of the future of the accounting profession as trusted consultants, accountants, managers, and analysts who support businesses and organizations in the global marketplace. We work hard to help our students find rewarding jobs, where they can help solve interesting and important problems. Our graduates have many possible career paths, including practicing as public, private, or governmental accountants, or working in managerial positions requiring an understanding of fundamental accounting concepts. Our faculty members are known for their dedication to students and for advancing the practice of accounting and accounting education through active research programs.

The common objective of the BS and MS accounting programs is to educate students for success in a wide range of professional accounting careers. The specific objective of the BS accounting program is to provide basic conceptual and business knowledge as a foundation for accounting career development. The objective of the MS accounting program is to provide students with a greater breadth and depth in accounting than is possible in the BS program. While both programs prepare students to complete certain entry-level accounting certifications (e.g., CIA, CMA), the MS program has a specific focus of preparing graduates for careers as professional accountants who will complete the Uniform CPA Examination.

Students who have the objective of sitting for the Uniform CPA Examination as Oklahoma candidates must have a BS degree and are required to complete 150 credit hours consisting of 76 upper-division hours, 30 hours of accounting above introductory accounting (including 3 hours of external auditing), and nine upper-division hours from other business-related areas. The MS in accounting earned at Oklahoma State University satisfies the educational requirements for CPA candidates in most jurisdictions of the United States.

Accreditation

The School of Accounting is fully accredited by AACSB International, with supplemental accreditation in accounting.

Courses

ACCT 2003 Survey of Accounting
Prerequisites: 24 semester credit hours, including ENGL 1113 and MATH 1483 or equivalent.
Description: Introduction to financial and managerial accounting concepts and objectives. May not be used for degree credit with ACCT 2103 and ACCT 2203.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Accounting

ACCT 2103 Financial Accounting
Prerequisites: 24 semester credit hours, including ENGL 1113 and MATH 1483 or equivalent.
Description: Financial accounting concepts and the use of financial accounting information in decision-making.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Accounting

ACCT 2203 Managerial Accounting
Prerequisites: ACCT 2103.
Description: Managerial accounting concepts and objectives, planning and control of sales and costs, analysis of costs and profits.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Accounting

ACCT 3003 Foundational Accounting Skills
Prerequisites: ACCT 2003 with a grade of "C" or better (or ACCT 2103 and ACCT 2203 with a grade of "C" or better).
Description: Foundational skills and concepts underlying financial accounting and reporting. May not be used for degree credit with ACCT 3004.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Accounting

ACCT 3013 Federal Income Taxation
Prerequisites: ACCT 3003 (or both ACCT 2103 and ACCT 2203) with a grade of "C" or better.
Description: Federal income tax and its relationship to business decision-making; primary emphasis on recognition of the important tax consequences that attach to business transactions and the impact on business decision-making. Previously offered as ACCT 4003.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Accounting

ACCT 3103 Intermediate Accounting I
Prerequisites: ACCT 3003 with a grade of "C" or better (or ACCT 2103 and ACCT 2203 with a grade of "C" or better and a satisfactory score on a qualifying exam covering basic accounting concepts).
Description: Theory and concepts underlying financial accounting and reporting. Previously offered as ACCT 3433 and ACCT 3303.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Accounting
ACCT 3113 Intermediate Accounting II
Prerequisites: ACCT 3103 with a grade of "C" or better
Description: Theory and concepts underlying financial accounting and reporting. Continuation of ACCT 3103. Previously offered as ACCT 4433 and ACCT 3403.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Accounting

ACCT 3203 Cost Accounting
Prerequisites: ACCT 3003 with a grade of "C" or better (or ACCT 2103 and ACCT 2203 with a grade of "C" or better and a satisfactory score on a qualifying exam covering basic accounting concepts) and STAT 2023.
Description: Cost accumulation systems, allocating product costs, planning and controlling costs, standard costing, and profitability analysis.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Accounting

ACCT 3603 Accounting Information Systems
Prerequisites: ACCT 3003 with a grade of "C" or better (or ACCT 2103 and ACCT 2203 with a grade of "C" or better and a satisfactory score on a qualifying exam covering basic accounting concepts); by permission only.
Description: Accounting system design and installation. Course previously offered as ACCT 4603.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Accounting

ACCT 4033 Advanced Federal Income Taxation
Prerequisites: ACCT 3013 with a grade of "C" or better.
Description: Federal income tax law applicable to individuals, corporations, partnerships, trusts and estates, and other specialized topics. Previously offered as ACCT 4013.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Accounting

ACCT 4133 Advanced Accounting
Prerequisites: ACCT 3113 with a grade of "C" or better.
Description: Accounting for business combinations and consolidations, accounting for governmental and not-for-profit entities. Previously offered as ACCT 4403.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Accounting

ACCT 4233 Internal Auditing
Prerequisites: ACCT 3103 and ACCT 3603 with a grade of "C" or better.
Description: Examination of theory and practices utilized by internal auditors in performing operational audits to assure an organization's operational effectiveness, efficiency, and control over resources. Previously offered as ACCT 4203.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Accounting

ACCT 4503 Auditing and Assurance Services
Prerequisites: ACCT 3103 and ACCT 3603 with a grade of "C" or better.
Description: Auditing theory, procedures, and practices.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3
Levels: Graduate, Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Accounting

ACCT 4553 Ethical Issues in Accounting
Prerequisites: Admission to the MS/PPA or permission of department and ACCT 3003 with a grade of "C" or better (or ACCT 2103 and ACCT 2203 with a grade of "C" or better and satisfactory score on a qualifying exam covering basic accounting concepts).
Description: Basic theories of ethics, including moral reasoning, moral values, relativity and objectivity, freedom and responsibility. Lecture and case approach for examination of issues such as independence, integrity, objectivity, client relationships, employee-employer relations, advertising, preferential treatment, core values and the corporation, and corporate governance, such as Sarbanes-Oxley Act, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and SEC regulations.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Accounting

ACCT 4723 Expanding Accounting Horizons in the US
Prerequisites: ACCT 2003 (or both ACT 2103 and ACT 2203) or consent of instructor.
Description: A visit to a region or regions within the United States. An integrated approach to the organizational, economic, political, historical, and technological issues impacting the firms, industries, and standard setters visited. Effect on the accounting profession of the firms, industries, and standard setters visited is also examined.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Accounting
ACCT 4763 International Accounting Abroad  
Prerequisites: ACCT 2003 with a grade of "C" or better or consent of instructor.  
Description: A visit to a location or locations outside the United States. An integrated approach to the cultural, economic, political, historical, and technological effects of the region on international accounting. Comparison of the accounting issues of the region to that of the U.S.  
Credit hours: 3  
Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3  
Levels: Undergraduate  
Schedule types: Lecture  
Department/School: Accounting  

ACCT 4930 Accounting Projects  
Prerequisites: ACCT 3113 and ACCT 3203 with a grade of "C" or better and consent of instructor.  
Description: Special topics, projects and independent study in accounting. Previously offered as ACCT 4010. Offered for variable credit, 1-9 credit hours, maximum of 9 credit hours.  
Credit hours: 1-9  
Contact hours: Contact: 1-9 Other: 1-9  
Levels: Undergraduate  
Schedule types: Independent Study  
Department/School: Accounting  

ACCT 5013 Tax Research  
Prerequisites: Admission to MS in accounting.  
Description: Development and administration of federal tax law with emphasis on the development of tax research skills.  
Credit hours: 3  
Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3  
Levels: Graduate  
Schedule types: Lecture  
Department/School: Accounting  

ACCT 5023 Estate and Trust Taxation  
Prerequisites: Admission to MS in accounting.  
Description: Federal and Oklahoma wealth transfer tax systems, including estate, gift, and generation-skipping transfer taxation. Also, treatment of income taxation of estates and trusts and estate planning vehicles.  
Credit hours: 3  
Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3  
Levels: Graduate  
Schedule types: Lecture  
Department/School: Accounting  

ACCT 5033 Natural Resource Taxation  
Prerequisites: Admission to MS in accounting.  
Description: Federal income tax laws applicable to the acquisition, operation, and disposal of natural resource properties.  
Credit hours: 3  
Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3  
Levels: Graduate  
Schedule types: Lecture  
Department/School: Accounting  

ACCT 5043 Partnership Taxation  
Prerequisites: Admission to MS in accounting and completion of ACCT 5013.  
Description: Federal income tax laws applicable to partners and partnerships.  
Credit hours: 3  
Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3  
Levels: Graduate  
Schedule types: Lecture  
Department/School: Accounting  

ACCT 5053 Corporate Taxation  
Prerequisites: Admission to MS in accounting and completion of ACCT 5013.  
Description: Federal income tax law applicable to corporations and shareholders.  
Credit hours: 3  
Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3  
Levels: Graduate  
Schedule types: Lecture  
Department/School: Accounting  

ACCT 5083 MBA Tax Management  
Prerequisites: Admission to MBA program or consent of MBA director.  
Description: An introduction to the basic framework of the federal income tax system with an emphasis on recognition of the tax implications of business transactions and how taxes affect managerial decision-making. An exploration of the social and economic policy ramifications of the tax system.  
Credit hours: 3  
Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3  
Levels: Graduate  
Schedule types: Lecture  
Department/School: Accounting  

ACCT 5103 Seminar in Contemporary Accounting Theory I  
Prerequisites: ACCT 3113 with a grade of "C" or better and admission to the MS in accounting program.  
Description: Origins and development of accounting theory. Critical study of issues in contemporary accounting theory.  
Credit hours: 3  
Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3  
Levels: Graduate  
Schedule types: Lecture  
Department/School: Accounting  

ACCT 5113 Financial Accounting Research  
Prerequisites: ACCT 3113 with a grade of "C" or better and admission to the MS in accounting program.  
Description: Research and presentation of solutions for complex issues in contemporary accounting practice; using databases, SEC, FASB, AICPA, IASB, as well as other publicly available information.  
Credit hours: 3  
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Levels: Graduate  
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<td>Enterprise Resource Planning</td>
<td>ACCT 5103, ACCT 5113, and graduate standing.</td>
<td>Resource planning for global business organizations. Integrated data flow and computer software for enterprise resource planning. Integration of transactional analysis, fundamental accounting practice, financial planning, and supply chain analysis forming the basis for study in this integrated approach to enterprise resource planning.</td>
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<td>International Oil and Gas Accounting</td>
<td>ACCT 3113 with a grade of &quot;C&quot; or better and admission to the MS in accounting program.</td>
<td>Financial accounting and reporting for U.S. and international oil and gas operations. Domestic and international joint interest accounting. Accounting for international concession and profit sharing agreements.</td>
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<td>Financial Statement Analysis</td>
<td>ACCT 3113 with a grade of &quot;C&quot; or better and admission to the MS in accounting program.</td>
<td>Study of the demand and supply of financial data, properties of numbers derived from financial statements, the role of financial information in investment decisions, and features of the decision-making environment. Previously offered as ACCT 5313.</td>
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<td>MBA Financial Reporting</td>
<td>Admission to a SSB graduate program or consent of MBA director.</td>
<td>Fundamentals of financial reporting, preparation and analysis of financial statements, and the role of financial accounting in decision making. Previously offered as ACCT 5103.</td>
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<td>ACCT 5233</td>
<td>Valuation and Advanced Cost Management</td>
<td>Admission to MS in accounting.</td>
<td>Valuation of assets using a variety of interdisciplinary business methods. Advanced topics in cost management including the role of risk and its impact on valuation and cost management issues. Previously offered as ACCT 5803.</td>
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<td>ACCT 5503</td>
<td>Auditing and Assurance Services</td>
<td>Admission to professional program in accounting (PPA)/MS in accounting program.</td>
<td>Auditing theory, procedures and practices.</td>
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<td>ACCT 5513</td>
<td>Advanced Auditing and Assurance Services</td>
<td>ACCT 5503 or equivalent.</td>
<td>Introduction to fraud examination and legal issues involved in investigative process. Advanced topics in statutory auditing, operational auditing and investigative services.</td>
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<td>ACCT 5543</td>
<td>Fraud Examination</td>
<td>Permission of SSB Graduate Programs office.</td>
<td>Schemes used in the commission of white-collar fraud, as well as causes, symptoms and prevention methods related to these crimes.</td>
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<td>ACCT 3113 with a grade of &quot;C&quot; or better and admission to the MS in accounting program.</td>
<td>Origins and development of accounting theory. Critical study of issues in contemporary accounting theory. Continuation of ACCT 5103.</td>
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<td>ACCT 5553</td>
<td>Forensic Accounting Tools</td>
<td>Permission of SSB Graduate Programs office.</td>
<td>Provides in-depth study and practice with tools that are most critical in conducting proactive fraud detection and fraud investigations.</td>
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ACCT 5603 Accounting-based Information Systems  
**Prerequisites:** Permission of SSB Graduate Programs office.  
**Description:** Concepts underlying the design and use of an effective accounting information system.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Accounting  

ACCT 5613 Business Systems Control and Risk Analysis  
**Prerequisites:** Admission to MIS/AIS. Not available to MS in accounting students.  
**Description:** Controlling and auditing business information systems, including management and applications controls, electronic commerce and internet-related controls and evaluation of systems.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Accounting  

ACCT 5617 Business Systems Control and Risk Analysis  
**Prerequisites:** ACCT 2003 and ACCT 3003 with a grade of "C" or better or ACCT 3113 with a grade of "C" or better and admission to MSIS 5393 or department approved Excel program.  
**Description:** Supervised internship in public accounting, industry, or not-for-profit organizations. May be counted as elective hours only. Previously offered as ACCT 5900. May not be used for degree credit with ACCT 4933. Graded on a pass-fail basis. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 3 credit hours.  
**Credit hours:** 1-3  
**Contact hours:** Contact: 1-3 Other: 1-3  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Independent Study  
**Department/School:** Accounting  

ACCT 5633 Business Systems Control and Risk Analysis  
**Prerequisites:** ACCT 5783 MBA International Acct  
**Description:** Diversity in financial reporting across countries and its effect on global capital flows. Corporate financial information across borders. Accounting in emerging markets.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Accounting  

ACCT 5723 Expanding Accounting Horizons in the US  
**Prerequisites:** ACCT 2003 or consent of instructor.  
**Description:** A visit to a region or regions within the United States. An integrated approach to the organizational, economic, political, historical, and technological issues impacting the firms, industries, and standard settlers visited. Effect on the accounting profession of the firms, industries, and standard settlers visited is also examined.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Accounting  

ACCT 5753 Seminar in International Accounting  
**Prerequisites:** ACCT 3113 with a grade of "C" or better and admission to the MS in accounting program.  
**Description:** Accounting issues faced by multinational enterprises and internationally listed companies, including diversity in financial reporting and harmonization. Not available for students who have credit in ACCT 4733. Previously offered as ACCT 5713.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Accounting  

ACCT 5763 International Accounting Abroad  
**Prerequisites:** ACCT 2003 and ACCT 3003 with a grade of "C" or better or consent of instructor.  
**Description:** A visit to a location or locations outside the United States. An integrated approach to the cultural, economic, political, historical, and technological effects of the region on international accounting. Comparison of the accounting issues of the region to that of the U.S.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Accounting  

ACCT 5783 MBA International Acct  
**Prerequisites:** ACCT 5183 and admission to MBA program or consent of MBA director.  
**Description:** Study of current relevant accounting practices. Previously offered as ACCT 5400. Offered for variable credit, 1-6 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.  
**Credit hours:** 1-6  
**Contact hours:** Contact: 1-6 Other: 1-6  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Independent Study  
**Department/School:** Accounting  

ACCT 5850 Practicum in Professional Accounting  
**Prerequisites:** Admission to MS/PPA in accounting program.  
**Description:** Individual work on special topics, projects or readings selected to acquaint students with significant accounting literature. May be counted as elective hours only. Previously offered as ACCT 5110. Offered for variable credit, 1-10 credit hours, maximum of 10 credit hours.  
**Credit hours:** 1-10  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 1-10 Contact: 1-10  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Independent Study  
**Department/School:** Accounting  

ACCT 5852 Practicum in Professional Accounting  
**Prerequisites:** ACCT 5183 and admission to MBA program or consent of MBA director.  
**Description:** Individual work on special topics, projects or readings selected to acquaint students with significant accounting literature. May be counted as elective hours only. Previously offered as ACCT 5110. Offered for variable credit, 1-10 credit hours, maximum of 10 credit hours.  
**Credit hours:** 1-10  
**Contact hours:** License: 1-10 Contact: 1-10  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Independent Study  
**Department/School:** Accounting  

ACCT 5880 MBA Special Topics in Accounting  
**Prerequisites:** ACCT 5183 and admission to MBA program or consent of MBA director.  
**Description:** Study of current relevant accounting practices. Previously offered as ACCT 5400. Offered for variable credit, 1-6 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.  
**Credit hours:** 1-6  
**Contact hours:** Contact: 1-6 Other: 1-6  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Independent Study  
**Department/School:** Accounting
ACCT 5932 Research Report
Prerequisites: Consent of supervising professor and admission to MS in accounting. Restricted to candidates seeking the MS in accounting degree and not available to students who have credit in ACCT 5940.
Description: Methods used in research and report writing in accounting. Independent investigation and writing of an acceptable report on a topic approved by the student’s supervising professor. Previously offered as ACCT 5902.
Credit hours: 2
Contact hours: Contact: 2 Other: 2
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
Department/School: Accounting

ACCT 5940 Thesis
Prerequisites: Admission to MS in accounting.
Description: For students writing reports and theses in accounting. Previously offered as ACCT 5000. Offered for variable credit, 1-6 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.
Credit hours: 1-6
Contact hours: Contact: 1-6 Other: 1-6
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
Department/School: Accounting

ACCT 5990 CPA Review
Prerequisites: Admission to MS/PPA in accounting program; consent of graduate coordinator.
Description: Review of content and skills tested on the Certified Public Accountant exam. Graded on a pass-fail basis. Offered for variable credit, 3-6 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.
Credit hours: 3-6
Contact hours: Contact: 3-6 Other: 3-6
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
Department/School: Accounting

ACCT 6000 Doctoral Research and Thesis
Prerequisites: Approval of advisory committee.
Description: For students working on the doctoral degree. Offered for variable credit, 1-18 credit hours, maximum of 36 credit hours.
Credit hours: 1-18
Contact hours: Contact: 1-18 Other: 1-18
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
Department/School: Accounting

ACCT 6703 Seminar in Accounting Research
Prerequisites: Doctoral student status and consent of coordinator of graduate programs in accounting.
Description: The theoretical literature and research methodology in accounting.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Accounting

Undergraduate Programs
- Accounting, BSBA (http://catalog.okstate.edu/spears-business/ accounting/bsba)
- Accounting (ACCT), Minor (http://catalog.okstate.edu/spears-business/accounting/minor)

Graduate Programs
The Master of Science in Accounting Degree
The specific objective of the MS in accounting is to provide candidates with a greater breadth and depth than is possible in the BS program. This enhanced curriculum prepares students for careers as professional accountants who will complete the Uniform CPA Examination and possibly other accounting-related professional certifications (e.g., CIA, CMA, CFE, CISA, CFP). Students who complete MS accounting program will be technically adept, resourceful, and ready to compete in a fast-changing, increasingly-global world. In addition to technical competence, the program places particular emphasis on professional ethics, personal responsibility, and continuing development of leadership skills. Advanced courses provide a theoretical foundation for insight into significant problems confronting the accounting profession. Each student receives assistance from the faculty in selecting a set of courses designed to prepare the student according to the chosen professional goals.

Graduates of recognized colleges and universities whose records indicate adequate intellectual capacity and desirable personal characteristics may qualify for admission. Minimum admission standards are a GMAT score of 550, an undergraduate grade-point average in accounting of 3.25, and an overall grade-point average of 3.0.

The Doctor of Philosophy Degree
The PhD in the Spears School of Business with a major in accounting provides the highest degree of preparation for the individual student, enabling the student to make significant contributions in research, teaching, and professional engagement in a university setting. Admission to the program is very competitive.

Graduates of recognized colleges and universities whose records indicate appropriate academic achievement and intellectual capacity may qualify for admission to the program. Additional factors considered in the admissions process include interpersonal skills and professional accounting experience. Satisfactory scores on the GMAT and TOEFL (for non-US applicants) are also required.

Students in the PhD program take a series of seminars that provides an overview of relevant accounting academic literature, along with additional coursework that prepares the student to conduct high-quality academic research. The student’s advisory committee assists in developing a plan of study that adequately covers the student’s research
and teaching interests. Our PhD students have teaching and research related responsibilities throughout their program.

**Faculty**

Audrey A. Gramling, PhD, CPA, CIA—Professor and Head

**Associate Professors:** Carol B. Johnson, PhD, CFE; Brad Lawson, PhD, CPA; Teresa Lightner, PhD, CPA; Sandeep Nabar, PhD; William C. Schwartz, PhD, CPA; Angela Wheeler Spencer, PhD, CPA

**Assistant Professors:** Bryan Brockbank, PhD; Leah Muriel, PhD, CPA, CIA; Jaclyn Prentice, PhD, CPA; Craig A. Sisneros, PhD, CPA; Scott White, PhD, CPA

**Assistant Professors of Professional Practice:** Rachel Cox, MS, CPA; Rachel Domnick, MS, CPA; Melanie Harvey, MS, CPA; Sarah Johnson, MS, CPA; Alyssa Vowell, MBA, CPA

**Part-time Faculty:** Eddy R. Ditzler, MS, CPA