# California State University, Long Beach Policy Statement

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July 25, 2014

# Master of Science in Accountancy (code ACCTMS02)

This new degree was recommended by the Academic Senate on May 9, 2013

and approved by the President on June 13, 2013 and the Chancellor on March 27, 2014.

## Application Procedure/ Prerequisites

1. Students interested in applying to the MS in Accountancy program at CSULB have to follow a two-step application process. First, they should file a CSULB Graduate Program application using the California State University's online application program called CSUMENTOR at [www.csumentor.edu.](http://www.csumentor.edu/) Second, they also need to apply to the MS in Accountancy Program, using the CBA's online application program called ADVANCE at http://  [www.csulb.edu/cba/advance.](http://www.csulb.edu/cba/advance) These two applications can be started simultaneously, but acceptance to both the University and the CBA is necessary to enroll in the program.
2. Bachelor’s degree in Accountancy or a bachelor’s degree and equivalent accounting-related coursework from a regionally-accredited university.
3. Admission GPA to the CBA Master’s programs as per the University.
4. GMAT exams or GRE exams.
5. Resume.
6. Statement of purpose (essay).
7. Two letters of recommendation.
8. For international students – English proficiency requirements by taking TOEFL or written portion of GMAT, GRE, or IELTS exams.

## Course requirements

Completion of 30 units of approved graduate courses (including culminating experience) Maintaining GPA of at least 3.0 (B) throughout the program

## Required courses:

ACCT 601 Corporate Governance and Financial Reporting (4)

Prerequisite: Graduate business standing, undergraduate degree in Accountancy from an accredited university, and consent of instructor.

ACCT 602 Advanced Cost Accounting (4)

Prerequisite: Graduate business standing, undergraduate degree in Accountancy from an accredited university, and consent of instructor.

ACCT 603 Financial Statement Analysis (4)

Prerequisite: Graduate business standing, undergraduate degree in Accountancy from an accredited university, and consent of instructor.

ACCT 604 Forensic Accounting (2)

Prerequisite: Graduate business standing, undergraduate degree in Accountancy from an accredited university, and consent of instructor.

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ACCT 605 Seminar in Accounting Information Systems (4)

Prerequisite: Graduate business standing, undergraduate degree in Accountancy from an accredited university, and consent of instructor.

ACCT 611 Seminar in Auditing and Assurance Services (4)

Prerequisite: Graduate business standing, undergraduate degree in Accountancy from an accredited university, and consent of instructor.

ACCT 612 Governmental and Non- Profit Accounting (4)

Prerequisite: Graduate business standing, undergraduate degree in Accountancy from an accredited university, and consent of instructor.

## Culmination

The culminating experience, ACCT 699 (Accountant's Professional Responsibilities and Ethics) will be a comprehensive auditing project to be reviewed by faculty and professionals.

## Advancement to Candidacy

Students admitted must file an application for Advancement to Candidacy for the degree after completion of their first six units. Prior to advancement to candidacy, a student must:

1. Be accepted into the MS in Accountancy Program.
2. Maintain an overall minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA, including work transferred from other institutions, and a minimum 3.0 GPA in all work completed at this University.
3. Completion with a minimum GPA of 3.0 of at least six units of courses required on the student’s program of study.
4. Fulfill the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) or receive a 4.0 or better on the writing portion of the GMAT or GRE.
5. Prepare an official student program in consultation with the CBA Graduate Programs Office.
6. File the application for Advancement to Candidacy with the CBA Graduate Programs Office for approval by the Graduate Program Director.

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