MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

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WHO WE ARE  Founded in 1873 and located in Rome, Georgia, Shorter University is a private, liberal arts university with a legacy of academic excellence and a dynamic Christian heritage. Shorter University has been ranked as one of the “Top 20 Southern Comprehensive Colleges” by U.S. News and World Report since 2002 and as a “Best in the Southeast” and a “Best Value College” by The Princeton Review.

137 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

Shorter University has a rich history of providing students with a quality education in an intentionally Christian atmosphere. Shorter University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate, baccalaureate and master’s degrees.

OUR MISSION  The Mission of Shorter University is to provide quality higher education, enabling and encouraging student commitment to active, life-long learning; personal spiritual values; responsible citizenship; and community and societal leadership in a global context.

The University seeks to accomplish this Mission through quality undergraduate liberal arts programs, specialized professional programs, and select graduate programs.

Geographically distant locations and online classes provide educational opportunities to individuals who are unable to attend classes in a traditional setting. The University affirms a commitment to the Christian faith and strives to integrate Christian values within a nurturing community in its whole process of education.
Shorter University's online Master of Accountancy (MAcc) program is designed to provide professional preparation for the accounting industry. Many states/jurisdictions now require or will require 150 semester hours of education for obtaining the CPA certification. Shorter University’s MAcc is a 30-semester hour program designed for individuals with an undergraduate degree in accounting or a related discipline. The program can be completed in one year and the program is 100% online.

COURSES IN ACCOUNTANCY

Our online Master of Accountancy courses are comprised of 30 credit hours. Each online course lasts for eight weeks and there are six terms each year. Students will take the following courses:

(Each class represents 3 credit hours)

- Advanced Financial Accounting
- Advanced Managerial Accounting
- Seminar in Auditing and Assurance Services
- Seminar in Internal Auditing and Fraud
- Accounting Information Systems
- Financial Statement Analysis
- Corporate and Partnership Taxation
- Current Issues in Accounting
- Research Methods
- Legal and Ethical Issues for Accountants
Through online learning, obtaining a quality and highly respected degree from Shorter University is easier than ever. Students who cannot meet regularly during the school week because of employment, family matters, and other commitments now have a solution. Online classes are administered in an asynchronous format – students log into the course, retrieve their assignments, submit work, and take quizzes when their schedules permit.

CAREERS IN ACCOUNTING

Certified public accountants today not only need to have a high level of technical competence, but must also have good analytical, communication, and interpersonal skills. According to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, “in most cases the additional academic work needed to acquire the technical competence and develop the skills required by today’s CPA is best obtained at the graduate level. Graduate-level programs are an excellent way to more fully develop skills such as communication, presentation, and interpersonal relations, and to integrate them with the technical knowledge being acquired.

In addition, studies show that students with a graduate education have substantially higher success rates on the Uniform CPA Examination. Further, master’s degree holders receive starting salaries that are approximately 10 to 20 percent higher than the starting salaries of those with only bachelor’s degrees. Finally, evidence shows that promotions to manager and partner and to corporate managerial positions are increasingly going to individuals with master’s degrees.”

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics the job outlook for CPA’s is expected to be much faster than average employment growth over the next decade. The employment of accountants is expected to grow by 22 percent between 2008 and 2018.

The average salary for an Accountancy professional ranges between: $40,000 and $108,000

(www.payscale.com)
To enroll in our online Master of Accountancy program, students must have:

- An undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.50 (on a 4.00 grading system). Applicants will be considered eligible for admission if their undergraduate GPA in the final 60 hours of their enrollment is a 2.50 or greater on a 4.00 scale.

- GMAT score of 450 points. The GMAT may be waived if the applicant has five years of professional experience, is a graduate of Shorter University, has completed a graduate degree from an accredited institution, or is currently enrolled in the BBA/MAcc program and has completed at least one graduate level course prior to completing your undergraduate degree.

- Evidence of completion of a U.S. baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution or its equivalent. The applicant is responsible for providing official transcripts from each institution attended. Those students without an undergraduate degree in accounting will be required to complete any necessary prerequisite courses before entry into the program.

- Completion of MAcc application.

- Official transcripts from all higher education institutions attended even if no credit was earned or grades received. We will accept unofficial transcripts in order to obtain an evaluation of transferable credits.

- Students for who English is a second language will submit a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

- Personal statement of objectives that describes how the completion of the MAcc degree will affect the applicant’s professional performance and career goals.

- Resume

- Two professional recommendation letters.

- The applicant may include any additional supporting documents that would help the admissions committee in determining the potential success of the applicant.

- Payment of a $25 application fee.
APPLYING

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Complete the online application here.
2. Submit the $25 application fee
3. Submit all forms and transcripts from EACH institution previously attended
4. Submit GMAT scores
5. Submit a Personal Statement of Objectives
6. Submit a Resume
7. Two Professional Recommendation Letters

*Once all of the necessary documentation has been received and reviewed, an admission decision will be made, and students will be contacted via e-mail.

For more information, please visit our Online Campus at http://online.shorter.edu/admissions or contact:

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WHY SHORTER UNIVERSITY?

• A well-established institution with a reputation for educational excellence.
• Superior academic programs and high-quality instruction.
• A caring Christian atmosphere.
• Small class sizes.
• A substantial level of individualized attention given to each student from their professors.
• A faculty in which two-thirds of the professors hold the highest degree available in their fields of expertise.
Shorter University understands the potential struggles associated with financing a college education, and it is our goal to work with students on any financial aid issues. To provide more flexibility, Shorter University offers three different payment options, which can be found on our Web site at http://online.shorter.edu/admissions/payment-options.

**TUITION & FEES**

- $500 per credit hour
- $25 tech fee per course
- $150 graduation fee
- $36 Taskstream fee

For more information, please visit our Online Campus at http://online.shorter.edu or contact:

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**FINANCIAL AID**

We encourage all students to apply for financial aid as soon as possible by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

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