



## Master of Science in Business Specialization in Accounting

Lehman College has established a graduate program leading to the degree of Master of Science in Business (MSB) with a specialization in Accounting. The objective of this curriculum is to meet the growing demand for highly skilled accounting professionals in various sectors, including public accounting firms, corporations, government agencies, and non-profit organizations. This program is designed for students with a BBA or BA in Accounting who want to pursue a career in accounting but don't wish to become CPAs, which would require them to pursue the MS in Accounting degree.

### ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS (SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING)

**\*Applicants completing their final undergraduate semester will apply following the official conferral of their degree.**

- Official transcripts from **all** post-secondary institutions attended
    - A bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited U.S. or foreign university
    - A minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0

**OR**

  - A minimum undergraduate grade point average of 2.8 with two years of supervisory/managerial experience in (Accounting)
- Two professional letters of recommendation
- Current professional resume
- Personal Statement (Essay): Discuss your career goals; in so doing answer the following:
  - a) Why are you interested in the "Accounting" specialization?
  - b) How will the MSB degree in your chosen specialization, Accounting, affect your career goal?
  - c) What distinguishes your chosen profession, Accounting, from other occupations?
  - d) What contributions do you believe you will make to your chosen profession after graduation?
- TOEFL Score: Applicants who were educated in a non-English environment must have a minimum total score of 500 or equivalent on the TOEFL and comply with other applicable requirements. Those who have earned their baccalaureate from a college or university in which the language of instruction was exclusively English are exempt from the TOEFL requirement.
- For Accounting Concentration: To gain admission to the MSB program with a concentration in accounting, students must have completed a Bachelor's degree in accounting (BA, BS, or BBA), which should include the following courses: ACC 171, ACC 272, ACC 334, ACC 335, and ACC 348, or their equivalent.
- GMAT Score is OPTIONAL

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- The online-only MSB program option is not available to students studying on an F1 Visa as they may take only one online course in a semester to maintain full-time student status. However, international students are eligible to participate in the online-format programs from their home countries.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The 30-credit curriculum includes 12 credits in a common professional core, 12 credits in accounting, and 6 credits in two capstone seminars.

### Core Courses Requirements (12 credits) Credits

MSB 700	Organizational Behavior and Leadership	3
MSB 701	Quantitative Analysis for Managers	3
MSB 703	Computer-Based Information Systems for Managers	3
MSB 704	Business Foundation with Applications	3

### Accounting Courses (12 credits) Credits

ACC 709	Advanced Accounting Theory	3
ACC 719	Advanced Auditing	3
ACC 750	Advanced Taxation	3

*Complete at least 1 of the following courses.*

ACC 790	Graduate Seminar in Accounting	3
ACC 712/MSB 712	Financial Statements Analysis	3
ACC 724	Accounting for the S.E.C	3
ACC 751	Estate and Gift Taxation	3
ACC 752	Emerging Business Tech Trends	3

### Capstone Seminars (6 credits from the following) Credits

MSB 790	Graduate Research Project in Business	3
MSB 795	Seminar in Strategic Management	3
MSB 796	Seminar in Ethical Issues in Management	3

- Depending on course availability at the time of enrollment, full-time students can complete their degree requirements within one year by taking the eight core and specialization courses in two consecutive semesters, fall and spring, and two capstone seminars in the summer (one in each of the two summer sessions, but not both seminars in the same summer session).
- A minimum GPA of B (3.0) is necessary to maintain enrollment in the MS program in Business.

#### Questions about the program?

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#### Questions about admissions?

The Office of Graduate Admissions

<https://www.lehman.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/applying/>