ACCOUNTANCY

GRADUATE OPTION | MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

INTEREST GROUP(S): **Business, Finance & Entrepreneurship**

ACADEMIC AREA: **Business, School of**

TIME TO DEGREE: **3 Semesters**

CREDIT HOURS: **33 in Program**
33 Total

DELIVERY METHOD(S): **Hybrid | In Person | Fully Online**

EIU's MBA with Accountancy Concentration prepares you for a career in public accounting, corporate accounting, or government accounting while meeting Illinois' educational requirements to sit for the CPA exam. Delivered through EIU's Lumpkin College of Business in Charleston, the program pairs core MBA coursework with advanced accounting courses in auditing, financial standards, and taxation — all in small classes taught by faculty with real industry experience.

WHAT THIS PROGRAM DOES BEST:

Built around Illinois Board of Examiners requirements, so you graduate meeting the state's educational path to CPA licensure | Courses taught by faculty who bring industry and research experience into the classroom, not GAs | Small class sizes mean real mentorship and one-on-one attention from professors who know your name and your goals | Non-accounting undergrads can complete prerequisite accounting courses alongside MBA...

HANDS-ON OPPORTUNITIES:

Internships at organizations like State Farm, CliftonLarsonAllen, and other regional and national accounting firms | Through Beta Alpha Psi and the Student Accounting Society, you'll connect regularly with practicing accountants and attend firm presentations | Accounting Day puts you in the room with dozens of professionals from 20+ firms actively recruiting accounting talent | MBA Management Simulation and Data-Driven Storytelling classes let you practice real...

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

EIU's MBA with Accountancy Concentration is designed for students who want to build a career in public accounting, corporate accounting, or government accounting, and want to walk away meeting Illinois' educational requirements to sit for the CPA exam. Our program combines core MBA coursework in areas like financial management and organizational behavior with advanced accounting courses in auditing, financial reporting standards, and taxation. Classes stay small, so you get direct mentorship from faculty who bring real industry and research experience into the classroom, rather than being taught by graduate assistants. The program is also built to be flexible: students coming from a non-accounting undergraduate background can complete prerequisite accounting coursework alongside their MBA classes rather than starting a separate degree from scratch. Along the way, students gain hands-on experience through internships, firm site visits, and organizations like Beta Alpha Psi and the Student Accounting Society, graduating with both the credentials and the professional network to move confidently into the accounting field.

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OUTCOMES

Chief Executives | Chief Sustainability Officers | General & Operations Managers | Sales Managers | Administrative Services Managers | Facilities Managers | Security Managers | Industrial Production Managers

Median Salary for these Professions after 4 Years:

$95,880

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