

A Guide to the Kelley
**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
ACCOUNTING PROGRAM**

One School. Endless Possibilities.



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**KELLEY SCHOOL
OF BUSINESS**

INDIANA UNIVERSITY
IUPUI

“As a testament to the excellence of Kelley’s program, there was not one area on the CPA exam that was foreign to me. The program prepared me extremely well.”

—Jill Lambert, Staff Accountant, Defense Finance and Accounting Services, Departmental Treasury Reporting; MSA Graduate



Kelley MSA takes careers to the next level

Regardless of a student’s professional goals, a Master of Science in Accounting (MSA) degree from the Indiana University Kelley School of Business opens up a world of opportunities. This comprehensive, flexible program is well suited to both professionals wanting to advance or change the direction of their accounting careers, and those who have limited or no background in the field. Combine this with Kelley’s reputation as one of the nation’s top business schools, and the Kelley MSA becomes a clear choice for maximizing career potential in today’s competitive job market.

Some 250 students are enrolled in Kelley’s MSA program on the campus of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). Most are working professionals attending graduate school part-time. More than a third of the students majored in accounting as undergraduates, and nearly 25 percent specialized in other business areas. The remaining students hold bachelor’s degrees in fields outside of business. International students represent one-fifth of the program’s total enrollment. Following are some other facts about Kelley and the MSA program:

- **Kelley Indianapolis is one of just 500 programs to be accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)—the premier agency granting accreditation to business schools worldwide.**
- **Experts in their fields, Kelley faculty publish ground-breaking research, while also placing high priority on teaching and one-on-one interaction with students.**
- **In recent years, Kelley MSA graduates achieved the third highest score twice and the fifth highest score once on Indiana’s annual statewide CPA exam.**
- **Courses completed to fulfill the CPA exam requirement may count toward the 30 hours needed for the MSA degree—preparing students for the exam and improving their marketability with an advanced degree.**
- **Graduates of Kelley’s MSA program are working for all of the national public accounting firms and many of the regional and local firms in Indianapolis.**
- **Annually, more than 25 national and local accounting firms make recruiting visits to Kelley Indianapolis.**

Flexibility offers distinct advantage



An attractive feature of Kelley's MSA program is its flexibility, allowing students to progress through the program at their own pace and offering a wide variety of specialization options. The program's structure enables students to choose a graduate degree path focusing on auditing/accounting systems, general accounting or taxation. Students are free to begin the program at any time (spring, summer or fall) and are able to attend on either a full-time or part-time basis.

Full-time MSA students can generally complete the program in one calendar year, while those attending part-time can expect to earn their degree in approximately 18 months to two years. MSA students have up to seven years to complete the degree requirements. Nearly all of the courses are offered in the evening to accommodate working professionals, and a few classes are offered online.



SPECIALIZATIONS AND ELECTIVES

Auditing and Assurance

- Accounting Data for Management Control
- Advanced Accounting
- Advanced Auditing
- Auditing of Information Technology
- Contemporary Accounting Topics
- Corporate Financial Reporting
- Financial Statement Analysis
- Not-for-Profit Accounting

Information Systems

- Computer-based Accounting Systems
- Database Management Systems
- Electronic Commerce
- Information Technology for Managers
- Systems Analysis and Design
- Telecommunications

Taxation

- Accounting Periods and Methods
- Consolidated Tax Returns
- Contemporary Tax Topics
- Corporate Taxation
- Estate and Gift Taxation
- Income Taxation of Estates and Trusts
- International Taxation
- State and Local Taxation
- Tax Procedure
- Tax Research
- Taxation of Current and Deferred Compensation
- Taxation of Partnerships and LLCs



“I feel very lucky to be a student in Kelley’s MSA program. In less than a year, I was exposed to various aspects of accounting and learned a lot from both classes and other events. I’m prepared to land internships for next year and look forward to gaining hands-on accounting experience.”

—Xue Yang, MSA Student

Applying to the program—what you should know

Submitted in the semester prior to the term students wish to begin. Admissions applications are evaluated on the following:

- Review of letters of recommendation, work experience and other resume credentials;
- Undergraduate grade point average; and
- Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) score.

You may apply to the program before completing all of the program prerequisites and prior to taking the GMAT exam. For complete details on applying to Kelley’s MSA program, including prerequisite course information, visit kelley.iupui.edu/msa/prerequisites/.

For international applicants

Students with undergraduate degrees from outside the United States must complete an International Application and provide proof of English language proficiency. For more information about these requirements, contact the IUPUI Office of International Affairs at www.iupui.edu/~oia/.

Financial assistance

Kelley Indianapolis offers tuition assistance to non-resident MSA students who submit an acceptable GMAT score.

“I’m not only getting a quality education, but also many opportunities to get to know the needs of local businesses and actually meeting with them to network. Kelley’s strong connection to local businesses was one of the reasons I chose this program.”

—Kayoko Komatsubara, MSA Student



Creating more opportunities for success

“The Kelley name on the diploma assures clients they are getting a high-quality CPA. The school has served as a great source of continued education and career development, as well as a networking base for both social and accounting-related matters.”

—Shawn Clawson, Senior Accountant, Slattery & Holman, PC; MSA Graduate

Whether students plan to sit for the CPA exam or seek career advancement through other avenues, the Kelley MSA offers essential preparation for the future.

GRADUATES ARE EXAM-READY

Nearly all Kelley Indianapolis MSA graduates pass the CPA exam with program graduates earning top scores in the state in recent years. Those wishing to take the CPA exam must have at least 150 semester hours of college education, including a bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited college or university. For more information about exam requirements, contact the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency, Indiana Board of Accountancy, at 317.232.2980 or visit www.in.gov/pla/.

GRADUATES BENEFIT FROM KELLEY CONNECTIONS

Kelley has strong ties to local, regional and national accounting firms, as well as government agencies. For MSA graduates, this means timely access to internships and career opportunities. The school's location in Indiana's capital city—one of the nation's leading metropolitan areas—makes contacts and experiences both plentiful and rewarding for MSA students.

In addition, as Kelley alumni, graduates are part of an international network of colleagues—numbering 80,000 worldwide—eager to assist one another with job opportunities and career consultation.



Discover IUPUI—a leading urban university

“The MSA program offers students the opportunity to earn credit while they complete an internship. Through Learning in a Professional Environment (LIPE), students not only apply what they’ve learned in the classroom, they also gain practical experience to help them decide their ultimate career path.”

—Susan Cauble, Kelley Assistant Director of Graduate Programs; MSA Graduate

With more than 29,000 students, IUPUI serves as a national model for today’s urban university. The campus, situated just blocks from the seat of Indiana government, scores of downtown businesses and many of the city’s cultural and entertainment venues, is home to 22 academic units granting degrees in more than 200 programs. Learn more about IUPUI online at www.iupui.edu/about/.



Contact us

Interested students may contact a Kelley MSA advisor to learn more about the program, ask questions or receive assistance with application.

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