



SACRAMENTO
STATE

MSA Program Information Session

Redefine the Possible™

The Value of an MSA

**Competitive
Advantage**

**Strong
Network**

**Personal
Development**

**Advanced
Skills**



**Industry
Flexibility**

**CPA
Preparation**

**Job
Prospects**

**Increased Earning
Potential**

Why an MSA from Sac State?

- 100% CPA compatible
- 18 months
- Completely Online
- Asynchronous classes
- Good Value
- Satisfied Graduates
- Teaching-Centered Faculty
- Networking Opportunities
- Career Services
- AACSB Accredited
- Ranked by US News and World Report
- Only 10 classes
- No Requirement for Business Degree

AACSB Accreditation

Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business

- Gold Standard of Quality
- 5% of Business Schools Worldwide



Tuition Comparison

Institution	2016 Tuition	AACSB Accreditation
UC Davis	\$44,850	1981
U of the Pacific	\$37,107	1983
St. Mary's	\$38,000	2014
DeVry	\$23,810	
National	\$25,578	
U of Phoenix	\$35,775	
Golden Gate	\$29,250	
Sac State	\$22,000	1963

Alumni Network

- 40,000 Graduates
- 24,000 remain in the Sacramento region



Recent Alumni

WILLIAMS-SONOMA

Trisha Rainwater ('13)
Senior IT Finance Analyst



Brandon Stepp ('13)
VP and Accounting
Manager



Justin Nunes ('15)
Accountant



Brandon Peters ('10)
Manager of Financial Reporting



Jerome Ivery ('15)
Senior Financial Business Analyst



Emma Jungwirth ('13)
Finance Budget Analyst

Program Curriculum

MSA Curriculum

- Foundation Courses (0-3 courses)
- Program Requirements (9 courses)
- Culminating Experience Project in Accountancy and Ethics

Foundation Courses

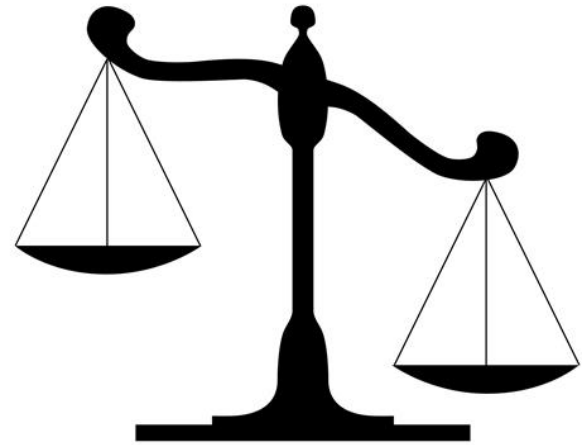
- 0-3 Courses may be required
 - Can be waived by taking equivalent courses, when you completed the equivalent courses, through appropriate professional experience, or certain academic qualifications.
- 6-9 Weeks in length

Program Requirements

- Financial Reporting I
- Financial Reporting II
- Cost Analysis and Control
- Auditing
- Governmental and Not-for-Profit Accounting
- Taxation of Business Entities
- Business Environment and Concepts
- Taxation of Individuals
- Advanced Accounting Information Systems Analysis and Controls

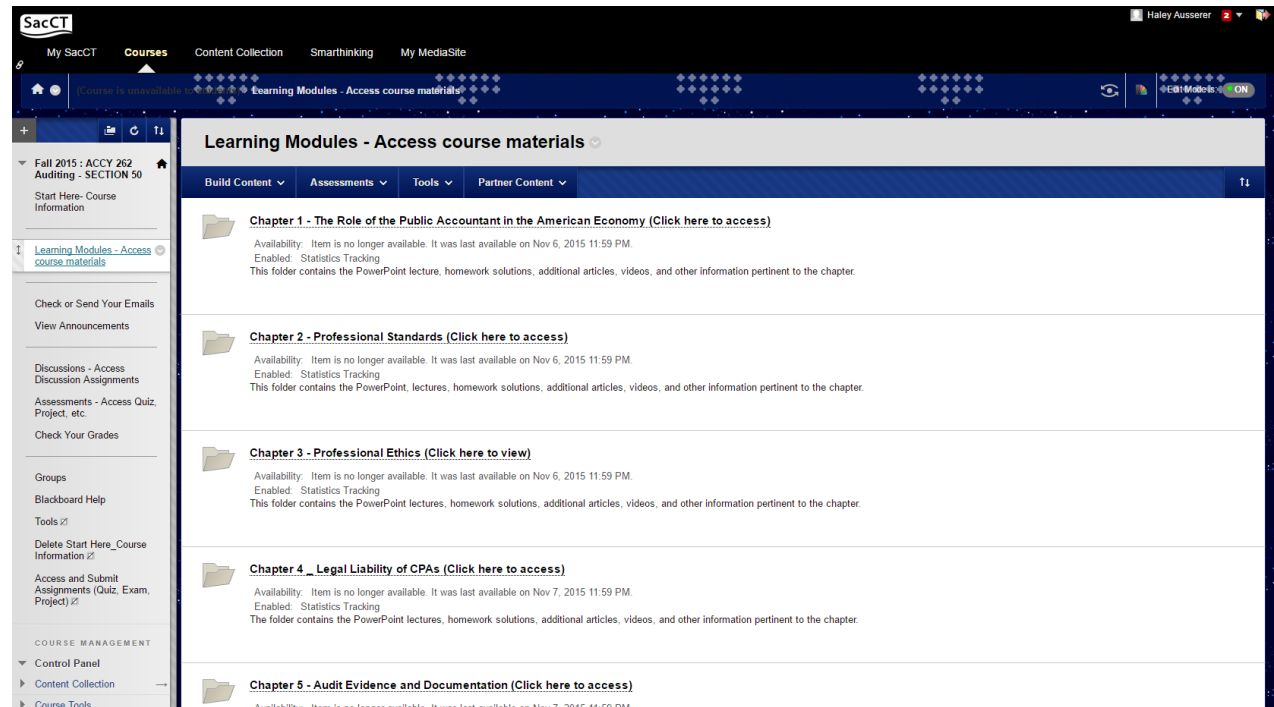
Culminating Experience Project

- Ethics Case Study with Project



The Online Experience

- Dashboard
- Videos
- Slides
- Discussions
- Exams



The screenshot displays the SacCT Learning Modules interface. The top navigation bar includes 'My SacCT', 'Courses', 'Content Collection', 'Smarthinking', and 'My MediaSite'. The main content area is titled 'Learning Modules - Access course materials' and features a sidebar on the left with navigation options like 'Check or Send Your Emails', 'View Announcements', 'Discussions - Access Discussion Assignments', 'Assessments - Access Quiz, Project, etc.', 'Check Your Grades', 'Groups', 'Blackboard Help', 'Tools', 'Delete Start Here Course Information', and 'Access and Submit Assignments (Quiz, Exam, Project)'. The main content area lists five chapters, each with a folder icon and a 'Click here to access' link. The chapters are: Chapter 1 - The Role of the Public Accountant in the American Economy, Chapter 2 - Professional Standards, Chapter 3 - Professional Ethics, Chapter 4 - Legal Liability of CPAs, and Chapter 5 - Audit Evidence and Documentation. Each chapter entry includes availability information (e.g., 'Item is no longer available. It was last available on Nov 6, 2015 11:59 PM.') and a note that the folder contains PowerPoint lectures, homework solutions, additional articles, videos, and other information pertinent to the chapter.

Biz Graduate Career Services

Co-Curricular Experiences

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Online Career Tracking & Management



Employer Engagement



Experiential Learning Space



Career Coaching & Professional Development





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MSA Program Application Tips

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Application Deadlines

Spring 2023 Application

Opens: August 1, 2022

Deadline: October 1, 2022

Fall 2023 Application

Opens: October 1, 2022

Closes: March 1, 2023

Note: ALL documents must be received by the deadline. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Application & Admission Timelines

- Cal State Apply closes:
 - October 1, 2022 at midnight for Spring 2023
 - March 1, 2023 at midnight for Fall 2023
- Admission decisions:
 - October/November for Spring 2023
 - March/April for Fall 2023
- New Student Orientation:
 - December 2022 for Spring 2023
 - May 2023 for Fall 2023
- Foundation Classes:
 - Begin in January 2023 for Spring 2023
 - Begin in June 2023 for Fall 2023
- Core Classes:
 - Begin in April 2023 for Spring 2023
 - Begin in October 2023 for Fall 2023

Required Application Components

- Completed Cal State Apply application
 - **Two (2) Letters of Recommendation** – requested and submitted through Cal State Apply
 - **Professional Resume**
- Official transcripts from ALL institutions attended – sent to the Office of Graduate Studies
- Completed College of Business application
 - GMAT/GRE scores or GMAT/GRE waiver documents will be uploaded here including unofficial transcripts and resume

Cal State Apply Application

- Your official application to the program/university
- \$70 fee required to submit your app
- Once you create a profile, you can edit and exit whenever you wish
- **CA Residents:**
<https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/graduate>

Let's take a look!

Tips For Your Letters of Recommendation

- Two (2) are required
- Can be either professional or academic in nature
- Good LORs SHOULD:
 - attest to your analytical, managerial, leadership, and communication skills, as well as your readiness for graduate study
 - enhance your application by providing new and valuable insights into your character to the admissions reviewers and committee

Letters of Recommendation, cont'd

- **Good LORs ARE NOT:**
 - From personal contacts, friends, family
 - From supervisors or faculty you have not been in contact with for many years or did not have a significant relationship with
 - Written by you and then signed off on by the recommender

Letters of Recommendation, cont'd

- **Best practices:**
 - Contact your recommenders BEFORE sending your LOR invitations
 - Provide them with your resume, statement of purpose, and a brief explanation of why you wish to earn your MBA at Sac State
 - Your Cal State Apply application LOR request should NOT be the first time you contact them to ask for a letter

Warning!

APPLICATIONS MISSING LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION WILL NOT BE REVIEWED AND WILL BE DENIED AS INCOMPLETE. IT IS UP TO THE APPLICANT TO MONITOR THEIR LOR REQUESTS ACCORDINGLY.

- If you've clicked submit on your Cal State Apply application, it does NOT mean you have submitted a complete application to the program. That will only happen once both LORs show as "Completed [Date], 2021"
- Continue to check your application until both LORs are received – Add new recommenders if necessary!

Tips For Your Statement of Purpose

- Writing sample clear of grammatical, spelling, or other errors
 - no specific format required, but please separate answers (i.e. not one big paragraph) and upload as PDF
- This statement should include a description of your long- and short-term career goals, and the ways in which you believe the MSA degree will help you to achieve them.

Tips For Your Resume

- 1-2 page basic professional resume detailing:

- Your work experience
- Academic history
- Any volunteer experience that's relevant

(Note: no work experience required to be admitted!)

Tip: if part-time work, state how many hours worked per week

e.g. Sacramento State PRIDE Center, Student Assistant (20 hrs/week), April 2020 - Present

- Good resumes SHOULD NOT:

- Have an objective, especially if it's job-focused
- Be a curriculum vitae (CV) or more than 2 pages in length
- Contain false information or future goals

Transcripts

- Official transcripts from ALL institutions attended are required – whether you received a degree there or not
- Go to your university’s website and search for “Transcripts” or “Registrar” and follow the instructions
- Digital transcripts are preferred
 - Send to gradtranscripts@csus.edu
 - If sending paper copies, mail to:

Office of Graduate Studies (OGS)
California State University, Sacramento
Riverfront Center, Room 215, MS 6112
6000 J St.
Sacramento, CA 95819-6112

Transcripts for Sac State Students

- Sac State current students or graduates -
WE DON'T NEED YOUR TRANSCRIPTS! 😊
 - *UNLESS* you graduated and **AFTERWARDS** attended another university or community college
 - If this is the case, request those transcripts and send them to OGS
- If you attended a community college and transferred to Sac State, we will already have those transcripts as well, so do not send them again

Warning!

APPLICATIONS MISSING TRANSCRIPTS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED AND WILL BE DENIED AS INCOMPLETE.

- Be sure to submit your official transcripts or degree evaluation to the Office of Graduate Studies (OGS) (gradtranscripts@csus.edu)
- Include your full name, program name, application cycle, and 9 digit Student ID number on all correspondence (e.g. Anne Shirley, MBA Program, Spring 2022, 246123890).

Minimum Admission Criteria

- 2.50 cumulative GPA from an accredited institution – no exceptions!
- GMAT/GRE scores or waiver: A minimum percentile of 30% for overall, verbal, and quantitative scores is required. Please see website for waiver requirements.
- English Proficiency Scores (TOEFL: 550, 80; IELTS: 6.5, PTE: 65) – for international students or those whose undergraduate degree was in a language other than English

Disclaimer: The COB reserves the right to admit fewer applicants than those meeting the minimum criteria

Admission Decision Process

- The MSA Admissions Team will notify you via email of your admission recommendation, using the email provided in your Cal State Apply application
- The Office of Graduate Studies (OGS) will then notify you via email of your official admission decision

Admission Decision Process, Cont'd

Things to Remember:

- After receiving a decision, your status in your Sac State Student Center may not be updated for weeks
- If admitted, you must complete the Intent to Enroll process to notify the university you will be attending. Only *after* completing this step will you be given a registration date (Instructions contained in your admission letter)
- If you are denied, you may always reapply! We have a large pool of applicants and some cycles are more competitive.

In Review

- You need to complete the entire Cal State Apply application **and** pay the \$70 fee **and** have both LORs submitted to be considered an official applicant
- Connect with your recommenders before sending your LOR request – follow-up if needed!
- Take your time on your application documents – EDIT & REVIEW!
- Request your transcripts ASAP
- Monitor your email for updates