BS/MS Accounting 4 +1 Degree Design

Overview
The BS/MS Accounting 4 + 1 degree program allows CU Denver undergraduate accounting majors to complete the BS and MS degree in as little as five years by taking two graduate level courses in place of two upper division undergraduate accounting courses. The graduate courses double count towards both the BS and MS Accounting degrees.

Contact your undergraduate advisor
If you are considering this BS/MS Accounting 4+1 degree program, it is important to contact your undergraduate advisor as soon as possible, preferably no later than your junior term, so that you can appropriately plan your coursework.

Submission of Application
Business students who are interested in the BS/MS Accounting 4 + 1 degree program should apply to the MS Accounting program when they have one academic year remaining in their undergraduate degree. In addition, students must have successfully completed the intermediate accounting sequence (ACCT 3220, ACCT 3230, ACCT 3320). Please note: When applying to the MS program, be sure to select a start semester which occurs after the completion of your undergraduate degree. Please review our admissions page for application details and deadlines.

GMAT Waiver Option
If a CU Denver business student has a 3.25 or higher in completed undergraduate accounting courses at the time of application to the program, they may request to have the GMAT waived by contacting the Business School Graduate Admissions team at: bschool.admissions@ucdenver.edu.

MS Accounting Courses for Undergraduate Courses
With the assistance of their undergraduate advisor, students will select two graduate accounting courses, which will take the place of two undergraduate accounting courses.

What courses to consider?
Students may select any ACCT 6*** level or higher course for which they meet the prerequisite, with the exception of ACCT 6031, ACCT 6032 and ACCT 6070.

Considering the CPA licensure?
For students considering the CPA licensure, there are some courses that carry greater weigh on the CPA exam. Additionally, the state requires specific courses for CPA licensure. For students considering the CPA, please reference the CPA Exam and License FAQ’s document for course recommendations. Students are also encouraged to discuss their career and course of study options with accounting faculty and the Accounting Programs Director: Gary.Colbert@ucdenver.edu

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