

Combined Accounting Podcast Script

Hello, my name is Aruna and I am a staff member in The Graduate School at Grand Valley State University. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Grand Valley's Accounting Combined Degree Program. Today we're going to cover the admissions process, program requirements, and the qualities that distinguish this program.

Let's start by explaining to you what this program entails. Students who are interested in pursuing a master's degree in accounting may be admitted to a combined Bachelor's/Master's program and obtain both degrees within an accelerated time frame. This combined degree is designed for students pursuing Certified Public Accountant certification and other accounting careers. While a traditional student would require 6 or more years to complete both a Bachelor's and Master's degree, students in the Accounting combined degree program are able to complete both degrees in as few as 5 years.

Standard Grand Valley admission requirements include completion of the online application as well as a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education. Your application must include official transcripts, and if English is not your native language you must provide scores from one of our approved standardized tests such as the TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB, or the PTE Academic. There is a \$30 nonrefundable application fee, however this fee is waived if you attended GVSU previously or are currently attending GVSU.

Additionally, the Master of Science in Accounting requires a qualifying score on the GMAT or GRE and a one-page personal statement outlining students' educational goals and what they hope to accomplish with their degree.

More program details as well as the online application can be found on the accounting website, www.gvsu.edu/msa.

The great news about Grand Valley's graduate programs is that tuition rates for Michigan resident and non-resident students are the same. In other words, there are no extra costs for being an out of state student. Current tuition costs and information about scholarships and financial aid can be found at www.gvsu.edu/financialaid or by calling 616-331-3234. For information on graduate assistantships, please contact The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu.

Students admitted to a combined degree program can dual count up to 12 credit hours of graduate work in partial satisfaction of the requirements for both the undergraduate and graduate degrees. After completing 120 credit hours and all requirements for the bachelor's degree, students are awarded a bachelor's degree. A minimum of 21 graduate credit hours must be completed after the 120 credit hours of the bachelor's degree. All other master's degree requirements must also be met. 21 credit hours of the master's degree are selected from graduate accounting and business courses, depending on the student's career interests and previous course work. Students interested in additional study in finance or taxation may earn an emphasis by completing a series of courses in a respective area. In addition, students often use 3 of their graduate credit hours as a paid internship that can serve as a stepping stone to a full-time job offer.

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The Seidman College of Business at GVSU has strong connections to the local and regional accounting community and students benefit greatly from these relationships. Quality faculty, connection to the accounting community and a strong Certified Public Accountant pass rate help to set our accounting program apart from others. Small class sizes and state of the art facilities help our students to achieve success. Additionally, The Seidman College of Business' graduate programs are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the premier business accrediting body.

That is just a snapshot of the Master of Science in Accounting graduate program at Grand Valley State University. We hope that you will consider applying to a graduate program at GVSU. For more information and queries regarding the program, visit bit.ly/masters-doctoral-degreeprograms or email The Graduate school at gradschool@gvsu.edu . Thank you for your time and we hope you have enjoyed this podcast.