Patterson School of Accountancy master’s programs are designed to provide a fifth year of accounting education that prepares graduates for careers in professional accounting and in other business fields. As a master’s student, you will not only enhance your knowledge in the field of accounting but will also develop critical thinking, analytical, and writing skills that will set you apart from your peers as you begin your career. The analytical work that you will do in the master’s program will give you skills to dig deeper into data analysis, allowing you to use that analysis to interpret results and, more importantly, transform those results into usable information for decision making.

You’ll find that our master’s students are highly motivated, enthusiastic learners supported by world-class faculty who are passionate about student success. Outstanding employment opportunities in public accounting, industry, and government await graduates of our master’s programs, who benefit from our job placement efforts as they join our nation-wide network of Patterson School alumni.
Your Master’s Program Options

- Master of Accountancy
- Master of Accountancy & Data Analytics
- Master of Taxation
- Master of Taxation & Data Analytics

The Master of Accountancy program offers broad graduate-level accounting education with four required accountancy and taxation courses, four accountancy electives, and two non-accountancy electives, allowing students to tailor the program to their specific interests and career goals. While there are no required data analytics courses, students will gain knowledge of data analytics in some required coursework.

The Master of Accountancy & Data Analytics program offers specialization in data analytics paired with broad graduate-level accounting education. In this program, students are prepared for careers in the data age as they gain hands-on experience in data analytics and cutting-edge technologies. The program requires five accountancy and taxation courses, three data analytics courses, and two accountancy electives.

The Master of Taxation program offers graduate-level accounting education for students who plan to pursue careers in taxation. Students take five required accountancy and taxation courses, two taxation electives, two accountancy electives, and one non-accountancy elective to complete this program. While there are no required data analytics courses, students will gain knowledge of data analytics in some required coursework.

The Master of Taxation & Data Analytics program offers specialization in both taxation and data analytics. Students in this program are given many opportunities to gain hands-on experience in data analytics and the latest relevant technologies. The program includes five accountancy and taxation courses, three data analytics courses, one taxation elective, and one accountancy elective.

Each master’s program requires 10 three-hour courses. You can complete your master’s degree in approximately 10-12 months. Many students also complete the CPA exam while earning their master’s degrees. All master’s students have the opportunity to take our CPA review course as an elective. Please visit our website for degree requirements lists for our master’s programs.

Concurrent J.D. & Master’s Programs

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Founded in 1848, the University of Mississippi, affectionately known to alumni, students, and friends as “Ole Miss,” is Mississippi’s flagship university. Included in the elite group of R-1 Research Universities by the Carnegie Classification, our university has a long history of producing leaders in business, academics, and public service. Our programs are in high demand, with overall enrollment on the Oxford campus of approximately 19,000 students, including roughly 200 Patterson School master’s students each year. A visit to the university will show you why Ole Miss boasts one of the nation’s most beautiful campuses.

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MAY 1 SUMMER
Deadline to apply for all summer terms

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DEC. 1 SPRING
Deadline to apply for spring semester

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