

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING GRADUATE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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Program Code	MGACT
Campus(es)	Great Valley

The Graduate Certificate in Management Accounting (GCMA) prepares students to learn how to use timely managerial accounting information to facilitate decision-making by business owners, managers, and employees. Throughout the GCMA, students will learn to:

1. Develop a deep understanding of evaluating business performance using accounting information; and
2. Apply management accounting knowledge analyzing and offering recommendations to improve business performance.

Effective Semester: Fall 2022

Expiration Semester: Fall 2027

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>). International applicants may be required to satisfy an English proficiency requirement; see GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/>) for more information.

Applicants must hold either 1) a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution or (2) a tertiary (post-secondary) degree that is deemed comparable to a four-year bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution. This degree must be from an officially recognized degree-granting institution in the country in which it operates. The successful applicant is generally expected to have a minimum combined junior/senior grade-point average of 3.0 (B) on a 4.0 scale.

Certificate Requirements

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in Graduate Council policy GCAC-212 Postbaccalaureate Credit Certificate Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-212-postbaccalaureate-credit-certificate-programs/>).

To be awarded the graduate certificate, students must successfully complete 9 credits of course work consisting of 6 required credits and 3 elective credits. All courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C or better and an overall GPA of 3.0.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
ACCTG 800	Financial and Managerial Accounting	3
ACCT 545	Strategic Cost Management	3

<i>Choose one of the following courses:</i>		3
ACCT 550	Professional Responsibilities and Ethics in Accounting	
ACCT 532	Accounting Information and Decision Systems	
MBADM 820	Financial Management	
BUSAD 809	Triple Bottom Line Accounting	

Total Credits 9

Courses

Graduate courses carry numbers from 500 to 699 and 800 to 899. Advanced undergraduate courses numbered between 400 and 499 may be used to meet some graduate degree requirements when taken by graduate students. Courses below the 400 level may not. A graduate student may register for or audit these courses in order to make up deficiencies or to fill in gaps in previous education but not to meet requirements for an advanced degree.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will be able to analyze an organization's financial statements and compare to industry and key competitors.
- Students will be able to identify and explain the application of data mining technologies within organizations.
- Students will analyze and assess basic flaws in accounting systems and internal controls and evaluate actions/decisions in terms of ethical components.

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