About SMU MPA

The Master of Professional Accounting (MPA) program at Singapore Management University (SMU) is designed to provide students with a comprehensive education in accounting, finance, and business management. This program is ideal for students who want to pursue a career in accounting or related fields.

The MPA program is offered by the School of Accountancy at SMU, which is a leader in professional accounting education. The program is taught by experienced faculty members who are experts in their fields.

The curriculum of the MPA program is designed to provide students with a solid foundation in accounting principles, financial reporting, and financial management. Students will also have the opportunity to gain practical experience through internships and other real-world projects.

The MPA program is open to students with a bachelor’s degree in any field. However, a strong background in mathematics and business is recommended. The program can be completed in one year on a full-time basis, or over two years on a part-time basis.

The MPA program is accredited by the AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) and other professional bodies. This accreditation ensures that the program meets the highest standards of academic excellence.

The MPA program is designed to prepare students for careers in accounting, finance, and business management. Graduates of the program are well-equipped to enter the workforce or pursue further studies in accounting or related fields.

If you are interested in pursuing a career in accounting or related fields, we encourage you to learn more about the MPA program at SMU.

Message from the Dean

Dear Prospective Students,

As the Dean of the School of Accountancy at Singapore Management University, I am pleased to welcome you to our MPA program.

The MPA program is designed to provide you with the knowledge and skills you need to succeed in today’s competitive business environment. With its focus on practical learning and real-world experience, the program is an excellent choice for students who want to develop the skills they need to succeed in the accountancy sector.

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I hope that you will consider the MPA program at SMU for your future studies.

Yours truly,

[Dean's Signature]

School of Accountancy
Singapore Management University

Thank you for your interest in the MPA program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

[Contact Information]

SMU MPA Open House

Date: [Date]

Venue: [Venue]

We look forward to seeing you there!

[Program Coordinator's Signature]
Since its launch in 2006, the SMU Master of Professional Accounting (MPA) programme has offered a pathway for non-accountancy degree holders to enter the accountancy sector. This pathway is now embraced as part of CDAS’ (Committee to Develop the Accounting Sector) recommendations to grow the Singapore accountancy sector to be the accountancy hub for Asia-Pacific.

If you are looking for opportunities for personal development, career advancement, or even a new career in the accountancy sector, there is no skill set more valuable than an accounting qualification. In today's complex business environment, knowledge of accounting is, more than ever, essential for anyone who aspires to move up the corporate ladder. Accountancy, and its related fields such as taxation, consulting, corporate governance and risk management, is the cornerstone of an economic system.

The MPA programme is Singapore's most recognised graduate qualification in accounting with eight accreditations from regulatory, professional and academic bodies. The programme opens new opportunities for all its graduates, both locally and overseas. Our graduates have started new careers in professional accounting services, advanced their accounting and finance careers, and lead finance functions in their organisations.
Why SMU MPA?

The SMU Advantage

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AN ESTABLISHED TRACK RECORD

Offered by SMU School of Accountancy, the MPA is Asia’s pre-eminent, globally recognized professional accounting programme.

The SMU MPA is ranked in the Top 10 in the world by two prominent global business school rankings, The Economist Intelligence Unit and The Financial Times, in 2015. Furthermore, according to a survey of over 9,000 graduates conducted by the University of Manchester, the MPA programme ranks among the Top 10 in the world.

Beyond the New Singapore Qualifying Programme (SQP), the SMU MPA offers students the flexibility to choose their course and programme in one of three tracks—Full-time, Part-time, or Online.

The SMU MPA is approved in the United States by the Higher Learning Commission, and in Canada by the Canadian Council of Professional Accountants (CCPA). Graduates of the MPA programme are also eligible for the following professional qualifications and exemptions:

- Chartered Accountant (CA) qualification in Australia
- Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) qualification
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA) qualification in the United States
- Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) qualification in Canada
- Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) qualification
- Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) qualification

The SMU MPA is also accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) and is a member of the Committee of European高等学校es of Business Administration (CEMS).

INTERACTIVE PEDAGOGY

SMU MPA students are immersed in cutting-edge curriculum designed to develop critical thinking and professional skills. Our faculty of leading academics and industry practitioners are committed to bridging the gap between academia and industry, ensuring that the curriculum stays relevant and current.

Beyond the traditional classroom setting, students have the opportunity to participate in co-curricular activities, such as the SMU Student Ambassadors Programme, which provides leadership and networking opportunities.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The MPA Student Services team is dedicated to providing excellent career development support. We offer a range of services, including career planning workshops, mock interviews, and networking events.

As a student, you will have the opportunity to develop your professional network and gain valuable work experience through our strong industry partnerships and alumni network.

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The SMU MPA programme is designed to provide a comprehensive education in professional accounting. It covers a wide range of topics, including financial management, accounting information systems, corporate reporting, and corporate advisory. The programme is taught by experienced faculty members who bring a wealth of industry experience to the classroom.

2. How many intakes do you have in a year?

The SMU MPA programme offers two intakes per year—Spring and Fall. Students can choose to start their studies in either term.

3. How long does it take to complete the programme?

The SMU MPA programme is designed to be completed in one year, taking four modules per term.

4. What is the average class size?

The average class size for the SMU MPA programme is approximately 20-25 students.

5. Do I need a professional accounting qualification to apply for the SMU MPA programme?

While having a professional accounting qualification is not a requirement, having a background in accounting or finance is preferred.

6. Can I take the programme part-time?

Yes, the SMU MPA programme is available in part-time candidature.

7. Is English the primary language of instruction?

Yes, the programme is taught in English, and all course materials and assessments are in English.

8. Is there an equivalent programme in a local university?

No, the SMU MPA programme is unique in its focus on professional accounting and is not available in any local university.

9. How much does it cost to study at the SMU MPA?

The tuition fee for the SMU MPA programme is S$40,000 for Singapore residents and S$50,000 for non-Singapore residents. This includes all tuition fees, course materials, and access to all programme-related resources.

10. What are the eligibility requirements for the SMU MPA programme?

To be eligible for the SMU MPA programme, applicants must have a bachelor’s degree in any discipline, and demonstrated interest in professional accounting.

11. Is the programme accredited by professional accounting bodies?

Yes, the programme is accredited by the Committee of European Universities and the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

12. How can I apply for the SMU MPA programme?

Applications to the SMU MPA programme are accepted online through the University’s official website.

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Beyond the new Singapore QUALIFYING PROGRAMME (SQP)

WORLD-CLASS FACULTY

SMU MPA boasts a strong faculty who have been recognised for their contributions to research and teaching. The faculty includes some of the best academics and educators in their specialised fields, SMU also taps on industry practitioners for their specific expertise and management experience, offering its candidates a unique learning experience. SMU's distinctive seminar style learning emphasises classroom interaction which stimulates critical thinking in students. With our world-class faculty and experienced practitioners, you will learn in a stimulating and engaging environment.

INTERACTIVE PEDAGOGY

SMU MPA provides an interactive learning environment that challenges students to engage in critical thinking and problem-solving. The programme features a variety of interactive learning methods, including case studies, group discussions, and interactive presentations. These methods allow students to apply theoretical knowledge to practical situations, fostering a deeper understanding of the subject matter.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Course Delivery

The SMU MPA is available in part-time and full-time candidature. Part-time candidates will complete the programme over two years, while full-time candidates will complete the programme over one year.

Programme fees

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Application

Is GMAT required?

Yes, the GMAT is a compulsory requirement for admission into the programme.

What is the minimum GMAT score required?

No, the tuition fee is the same regardless of the number of exemptions granted.

Am I eligible for the programme?

Yes, the GMAT is a compulsory requirement for admission into the programme.

How many intakes do you have in a year?

There is only one intake every May for the programme. Classes will commence in May.

Can I postpone the programme and return to the programme later?

Yes, the GMAT is a compulsory requirement for admission into the programme.

FAQ

Is a bachelors degree required?

Yes, a bachelors degree is required. However, we also accept candidates who have equivalent professional experience.

Is there an age limit?

There is no age limit for the programme.

Is the programme offered in English?

Yes, the programme is offered in English. Candidates may be invited for an interview as part of the assessment process.

Do I need a degree in accounting?

No, the programme is designed for students from various backgrounds who are interested in pursuing a professional qualification in accounting.

Is the programme recognised by professional accounting bodies?

Yes, the programme is recognised by professional accounting bodies, including the ACCA, ACCA, and CPA. Candidates may apply for exemptions after completing the programme.

Is there a language requirement?

Yes, all materials must be submitted in English.