The MSPA provides professional accounting training to students who have already obtained a baccalaureate in accounting, who wish to fulfill the 150-credit hours required to obtain a license as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in a meaningful way. This area of concentration is designed to develop a highly professional and employable specialist in accounting with broad knowledge of the role of accounting in a variety of business organizations and satisfy the requirements to sit for the CPA exam. Students are guided through the CPA exam process and have the opportunity to complete the CPA exam before beginning full-time employment.

**Required Courses**
- BUS ADM 724 Business Combinations and Governmental Accounting
- BUS ADM 753 Advanced Business Law
- BUS ADM 821 Advanced Taxation
- BUS ADM 840 Current Issues in Financial Reporting
- BUS ADM 844 Auditing: Professional Standards and Practice

**Elective Tracks**

**Assurance Services (15 Credits)**
**Required (9 Credits):**
- BUS ADM 720 Information Systems Auditing
- BUS ADM 723 Forensic Accounting
- BUS ADM 841 Financial Statement Analysis

**Taxation (15 Credits)**
**Required (12 Credits):**
- BUS ADM 820 Tax Research, Practice, and Procedure
- BUS ADM 823 Corporate Income Taxation
- BUS ADM 826 Tax Planning for Individuals
- BUS ADM 828 Taxation of Partnerships, S Corporations, and LLC’s

**Electives**
- Assurance Services choose two courses (6 credits) from the following
  - BUS ADM 749 Data and Information Management
  - BUS ADM 751 Analysis of US Business Environment
  - BUS ADM 764 Buyer Behavior and Marketing Communications
  - BUS ADM 771 Investments
  - BUS ADM 772 Portfolio Management
  - BUS ADM 773 Options and Futures
  - BUS ADM 774 Global Financial Management
  - BUS ADM 775 Financial Strategy
  - BUS ADM 778 Financial Institutions and Markets
  - BUS ADM 834 International Taxation
  - BUS ADM 894 Internet Marketing
  - BUS MGMT 713 Entrepreneurship: Venture Creation & Management
  - BUS MGMT 715 Leadership, Team Building & Effective Management
  - BUS MGMT 726 Study Abroad: Ernst & Young Giessen

**Degree completion: 30 Credits**