

**In yellow, find the degree that best fits your current situation and read the columns to the right for information on whether the Accounting Certificate Program or a second bachelor's degree in accounting is the best fit for you.**

**Note: If you do not intend to take and pass the CPA exam immediately upon completion of the certificate, obtaining an accounting position with only the accounting certificate may prove difficult.**

Previous Degree	Second B.S. in Accounting	Accounting Certificate Program
<p><b>Business degree not from Mason and not in accounting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>MBA degree with an undergraduate degree not in accounting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must complete at least 30 unique credits at Mason for second degree.</li> <li>• Completion of 24 accounting credits, SOM general education classes and SOM core classes are needed to complete second degree in Accounting. (These credits may transfer in.)</li> <li>• Students receive a bachelor's degree general education waiver, waiving all university required general education classes.</li> <li>• Undergraduate transfer credits are individually articulated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must complete 30 credits in accounting to complete Accounting Certificate Program with at least 16 of those credits from Mason. (Certificate program assumes you have completed the business credits necessary to sit for the CPA.)</li> <li>• Additional courses may be needed for pre-requisites.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mason business degree, not in accounting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must complete at least 30 unique credits at Mason for second bachelor's degree.</li> <li>• Students must meet Accounting degree requirements for their new catalog year.</li> <li>• Students will receive a bachelor's degree waiver, waiving general education classes, but must complete all other School of Management degree requirements.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must complete 30 credits with at least 16 credits from Mason to complete Accounting Certificate Program.</li> <li>• The program is designed to help students achieve 30 credits in accounting necessary to sit for the CPA.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Degree not in business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helps students achieve the business core credits and the accounting credits necessary to sit for the CPA.</li> <li>• Students will receive a bachelor's degree waiver, waiving general education classes, but must complete all other School of Management degree requirements.</li> <li>• Second bachelor's degree is roughly 60 credits for non-School of Management and non-Mason students.</li> <li>• Undergraduate transfer credits are individually articulated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must complete 30 credits with at least 16 credits from Mason to complete Accounting Certificate Program including any additional recommended classes or prereq's.</li> <li>• The Accounting Certificate Program assumes that students have already completed the business credits necessary to sit for the CPA exams. If you have not completed the business credits necessary to sit for the CPA, you may want to look into a second bachelor's degree in Accounting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Bachelor degree not recognized by Mason</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students with international credit but no U.S. equivalent bachelor's degree are encouraged to apply for a bachelor's degree in Accounting.</li> <li>• If you are unsure if you have a U.S. equivalent degree, you must submit an evaluation of your studies outside of the U.S. See <a href="http://admissions.gmu.edu/global">admissions.gmu.edu/global</a> for more information.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students are ineligible for the Accounting Certificate Program if they do not have a U.S. equivalent bachelor's degree.</li> <li>• Students are encouraged to apply to an undergraduate bachelor's degree in accounting.</li> <li>• If you are unsure if you have a U.S. equivalent degree, you must submit an evaluation of your studies outside of the U.S. (See <a href="http://admissions.gmu.edu/global">admissions.gmu.edu/global</a> for more information.)</li> </ul>