

# ACCOUNTING FOUNDATIONS, CERT

*for the Graduate Certificate in Accounting Foundations (online)*

The Accounting Foundations Graduate Certificate combines technical knowledge in financial and managerial accounting with professional competencies in critical thinking, communication, leadership, and strategic decision-making. Students will study the principles, concepts, and methods used to record and report the transactions and activities of a business entity, as well as the tools and processes to analyze accounting information. Students will also apply their knowledge to practical, real-world problems via experiential learning opportunities. Career opportunities for students who complete the Accounting Foundations Graduate Certificate include positions in audit and assurance services, corporate accounting, taxation, consulting and advisory services, and in governmental and not-for-profit entities.

## Admission

To learn more about this graduate certificate, including details about the admissions process, visit the Accounting Foundations Graduate Certificate (<https://giesbusiness.illinois.edu/graduate-hub/gies-professional-credentials/accounting-foundations-graduate-certificate/>) website.

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## Graduation Requirements

**Minimum Cumulative GPA: 2.75**

**Minimum hours required for certificate completion: 12 hours**

Students who have successfully completed the *Accounting Foundations* certificate may use the certificate to satisfy the following degree requirements, provided they apply and are admitted to the degree program:

4 - 8 hours of core coursework and 4 - 8 hours of elective coursework requirements of the iMBA degree program

4 - 8 hours of core coursework and 4 - 8 hours of elective coursework requirements of the iMSM degree program

8 - 12 hours of core coursework and up to 4 hours of elective coursework requirements of the iMSA degree program

Code	Title	Hours
Required		
ACCY 501	Accounting Analysis I	4
ACCY 502	Accounting Analysis II	4
Elect one course from the following:		
ACCY 500	Accounting Measurement, Reporting, and Control	4
ACCY 503	Managerial Accounting	4
ACCY 517	Financial Statement Analysis and Valuation	4
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

## Graduate Degree Programs in Accountancy

- Majors
  - Accountancy, MAS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accountancy-mas/>)
    - optional concentrations
      - Business & Public Policy (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/finance/business-public-policy/>)
      - Corporate Governance & International Business (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/badm/corporate-governance-international-business/>)
      - Data Analytics in Accountancy (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/accy/data-analytics-accountancy/>)
      - Finance (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/finance/finance/>)
      - Financial Reporting & Assurance (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accountancy-mas/financial-reporting-assurance/>)
      - Information Technology & Control (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/badm/information-technology-control/>)
      - Real Estate (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/finance/real-estate/>)
      - Supply Chain Management (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/badm/supply-chain-management/>)
      - Taxation (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/accy/taxation/>)
  - Accountancy, MS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accountancy-ms/>) (on campus & online)
    - optional concentrations
      - Accountancy Analytics (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accountancy-ms/accountancy-analytics/>) (online)
      - Business & Public Policy (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/finance/business-public-policy/>)
      - Corporate Governance & International Business (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/badm/corporate-governance-international-business/>)
      - Data Analytics in Accountancy (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/accy/data-analytics-accountancy/>)
      - Digital Marketing (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/badm/digital-marketing/>)
      - Entrepreneurship & Strategic Innovation (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/badm/entrepreneurship-strategic-innovation/>)
      - Finance (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/finance/finance/>)
      - Global Challenges in Business (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/badm/global-challenges-business/>)
      - Information Technology & Control (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/badm/information-technology-control/>)

- Supply Chain Management (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/badm/supply-chain-management/>)
- Taxation (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/concentration/accy/taxation/>)
- Accountancy, PhD (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accountancy-phd/>)
- Minors
  - Accountancy (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/minors/accy/accountancy/>)
- Certificates
  - Accounting Data Analytics, CERT (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accy/accounting-data-analytics-cert/>) (online)
  - Accounting Foundations, CERT (p. 1) (online)
  - CPA Pathways, CERT (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accy/cpa-pathways-cert/>) (online)
  - Taxation, CERT (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus/accy/taxation-cert/>) (online)

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College Website (<https://giesbusiness.illinois.edu/>)

Graduate Admissions (<https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/>)

Gies College Admissions & Requirements (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/gies-business/academic-units/>)

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