The James Benjamin Department of Accounting, an AACSB-Accredited Accounting program, offers graduate studies leading to the MS and PhD degrees. The department also offers graduate coursework supporting the Mays Business School’s several other Master’s-level business degrees, such as MBA, MS-Finance, etc.

The department offers a combined program that students enter in the junior year of the BBA program. Graduates of the Professional Program of Accounting receive a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and an MS degree in a business discipline. The department also offers a traditional MS-Accounting degree. Both the Professional Program and MS-Accounting program provides the necessary coursework for students who wish to enter public accounting or corporate accounting/finance fields. Professional Program and MS-Accounting students must be able to complete coursework in College Station, TX.

The PhD program is designed to prepare students for careers in teaching and research. Additional information, including specific departmental requirements, may be obtained by contacting the master’s student advisor or the doctoral student advisor in the James Benjamin Department of Accounting. PhD students must be able to complete coursework in College Station, TX.

Please be advised that Texas A&M offers many programs that lead to an occupational license as defined under Texas Occupations Code 58.001. Licensing authorities may have guidelines concerning prior criminal convictions that would make an individual ineligible for issuance of a given license. Applicants are encouraged to review all eligibility requirements related to degrees resulting in a license. Note the following:

- An individual who has been convicted of an offense may be ineligible for issuance of an occupational license.
- Licensing authorities must establish and make available guidelines explaining why a particular offense is considered a basis for ineligibility for a particular license and other criterion that may affect the decision to grant or withhold a license.
- An individual has the right to request a criminal history evaluation letter regarding their eligibility for a license issued under Texas Occupations Code 53.102.

Also, students should be advised that professional licensure/certification requirements vary from state to state, which may affect a student’s ability to apply for a professional license/certification upon the completion of the program. The U.S. Department of Education regulation, 34 CFR 668.43 (a) (5) (v) (https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2019-23129/p-981/), requires an institution to disclose whether the program will fulfill educational requirements for licensure or certification for each state. The James Benjamin Department of Accounting provides more details about state requirements at this page: https://mays.tamu.edu/department-of-accounting/professional-licensure-and-certification-disclosure-statement/

Questions related to eligibility requirements to take the CPA examination in Texas should be directed to the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy (or the licensing authority in other jurisdictions).

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