The James Benjamin Department of Accounting, an AACSB-Accredited (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) Accounting program, offers graduate studies leading to MS and PhD degrees. The department also offers graduate coursework supporting other Mays Business School’s Master’s-level degrees, such as MBA, MS in Finance, etc.

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

The department also offers a Flex Online Master of Science in Accounting degree in a fully online format. This program is designed for working professionals looking to advance a current accounting career or to move into accounting from another field. For additional information, contact the director of the Flex Online Accounting Program in the James Benjamin Department of Accounting.

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 PhD Advisor in the James Benjamin Department of Accounting. PhD students must be able to complete coursework in College Station, Texas. 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.

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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