

# Graduate Certificate in Assurance

## About the Certificate

The Assurance Certificate program will provide students with advanced skills necessary to succeed in Assurance services-related careers. Through completion of the required coursework, students will be able to:

- Assess business and financial reporting risks
- Understand and apply auditing concepts and procedures
- Design and implement internal controls
- Understand the role of corporate governance in risk management
- Implement fraud prevention and detection procedures
- Understand how corporate taxes can impact a corporation's financial statements
- Understand the basis of corporate taxation and book-to-tax differences (ASC 740)

School of Accountancy graduates with an Assurance certificate will be prepared for a variety of careers including: external and internal auditor, risk management, fraud examination, and consulting on risk, assurance, and fraud prevention.

## Eligibility

Students may be admitted to the Master of Accountancy program to pursue the Assurance Certificate. Additional credit hours beyond those needed for the Master of Accountancy will not be required in most cases.

Students may also pursue the certificate as a stand-alone certificate or be working towards their Master of Science in Business.

Students must achieve an average of 3.0 GPA in all courses. Coursework may only count towards two graduation requirements for students pursuing multiple graduate certificates and a graduate degree.

## Requirements

Students are required to complete 15 credit hours to receive the certificate. Courses are listed below for the assurance certificate.

### Required:

ACCTCY 4384/7384	Auditing Theory and Practice I	3
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### Electives:

ACCTCY 8373	Taxation of Corporations and Shareholders	3
ACCTCY 8404	Internal Auditing	3
ACCTCY 8414	Audit of Internal Controls	3
ACCTCY 8420	Data Based Decision Making	3
ACCTCY 8424 or ACCTCY 8438	Fraud Examination Forensic Accounting	3
ACCTCY 8428	Data Visualization and Data Mining	3
ACCTCY 8436	Advanced Accounting	3
ACCTCY 8444	Advanced Audit	3
ACCTCY 8448	Emerging Issues in Accounting Information Systems	3
ACCTCY 8456	Corporate Governance	3
<b>Total Hours: (12 of 15 credit hours must be graduate credit)</b>		<b>15</b>

Note: Additional coursework may count towards the assurance certificate with ACCTCY 8401 - Topics in Accounting courses, please inquire with an academic advisor in the School of Accountancy to discuss available coursework.

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