

Illinois CPA Exam 150 – Hour Requirement

150 total semester credit hours must include:

- Bachelor's Degree
- 24 hours in Accounting
- 24 hours in Business
- Only 6 semester credit hours may come from an Internship

How can I earn 150 semester credit hours at Illinois State University?

Complete the Integrated Accountancy program – (BS/MPA or 5-year program).

- Two degrees are granted at the end of the 5th year – Bachelor of Science in Accountancy (BS) & a Master's of Professional Accountancy (MPA)
- Includes 18 semester hours of Information Systems coursework

Complete a Bachelor's degree in Accounting followed by a Master's degree.

- Complete Master of Science in Accountancy (MSA) – 30 hours
- Complete Master of Business Administration (MBA) – 36 hours

Complete 150 hours before graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Accountancy by taking an additional 30 semester hours.

- Complete a second major
- Add additional sequences in Accountancy
- Select a minor
- Create some other organized plan

What do I have to do to be admitted to the BS/MPA, MSA, or MBA graduate programs?

Apply for Graduate Admission – BS/MPA during junior year – MSA & MBA during senior year.

- Preference will be given to those submitting completed applications (including GMAT scores), for the BS/MPA program by the following dates: April 1st (for fall admission) & November 1st (for spring admission) See Graduate advisors for MSA & MBA application deadlines. ***Selection for continuance in the BS/MPA program is competitive.***

Take the GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test) – www.mba.com

- BS/MPA – taken during junior year - target score = 500
- MSA & MBA – taken during senior year – target score = 500 for MSA; 450 for MBA

Meet Minimum GPA Requirements

- 3.0 cumulative ISU GPA (after completion of 90 semester hours) & a 3.0 ISU Accountancy GPA (ACC 230, ACC 231 & ACC 232) are required for the BS/MPA.
- 2.75 cumulative GPA over the last 60 semester hours for the MBA and 2.80 for the MSA.

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GMAT Information - *Graduate Management Admission Test*

The Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) is a computer adaptive, standardized test administered by Educational Testing Services. It is designed to assess skills relevant to graduate studies in business and management.

The GMAT Frequently Asked Questions

How do I make an appointment to take the GMAT?

You may register and obtain detailed information online at www.mba.com.

Registration information is also available in the GMAT Bulletin which may be obtained in the University Assessment Office - Suite 122 - Instructional Technology Development Center 301 S. Main Street.

How much does the GMAT cost?

The GMAT test registration fee is \$225 (USD) worldwide. A partial refund of \$80 (USD) will be issued in the event that a test is cancelled at least seven calendar days prior to the scheduled appointment. Forms of payment include VISA, MasterCard, American Express, check or money order.

When is the GMAT available?

The GMAT is available, year-round, at test centers throughout the world. For a complete listing of the locations where and when the GMAT is offered in your area, go to the website. It is possible to schedule your test within a few days of taking it, but popular dates (weekends and holiday breaks) book quickly. Consider the admissions deadlines of the schools to which you're applying, then call early to increase your chances of getting your preferred test date at the center most convenient to you. **The exam may not be taken more than one time in any calendar month.**

How does someone with a disability take the test?

The GMAT program is committed to serving test takers with disabilities and will provide accommodations for those who meet GMAT eligibility criteria.

How do I send my scores to more or different schools?

Your basic test registration fee covers the release of your score report to up to five graduate schools selected by you on the day of the test. You may request additional score reports for an additional cost of \$25 per school. To have your GMAT scores sent to a particular school, contact GMAT Customer Service at (609) 771-7330.

How do I order another score report?

To obtain additional copies of your score report, contact GMAT Customer Service at (609) 771-7330.

How do I prepare for the test?

Sample test questions and free downloadable POWERPREP software are available on the website. Also, a complete set of instructions and sample questions are included in the GMAT Bulletin. Review books are available in most university bookstores. Review courses are also available - see www.kaplan.com.

