3+1 Application Process and Timeline

Students need to submit applications for admission to the 3+1 Accounting Pathway by October 31 of the fall trimester of their freshman year. If you are interested in this program, please discuss it with your academic advisor at IntroDucktion.

Application Time Line

October 8
Admissions Information Session

October 22
Admissions Information Session

October 31
Application deadline at 11:59 p.m.

November 6
Students informed of their application status and invitation to interview

November 10–11
Interviews

November 13
Admission decisions e-mailed to applicants

December 4
Orientation and welcome reception

Important note: Continuation in the 3+1 Accounting Pathway will be contingent upon being accepted into the Lundquist College of Business once the student has completed the business premajor requirements. Participation in the 3+1 Accounting Pathway does not guarantee automatic admission into the MAcc program. All students must apply to be considered for admission.
What Is the 3+1 Accounting Pathway?

The 3+1 Accounting Pathway is an opportunity for qualified incoming freshmen interested in accounting to complete both the bachelor’s degree in accounting and the master of accounting degree in four years. Through an evaluation of college-ready credits (e.g., advance placement and international baccalaureate), these high-achieving students are fast-tracked for admission to the Lundquist College of Business one full year before their contemporaries. Students in this program can complete their undergraduate degree in three years, with the fourth year used to complete the Master of Accounting Program.

Sample Time Line*

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<th>Year in College</th>
<th>Number of Credits</th>
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<td>Incoming Freshmen</td>
<td>35–45 (AP/IB)</td>
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<td>First (Sophomore)</td>
<td>45–50</td>
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<td>Second (Junior)</td>
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<td>Third (Senior)</td>
<td>45–50 (180 total)</td>
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<td>Fourth (MAcc)</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>225</strong></td>
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*The time line is flexible, and this table does not reflect every scenario. Students must work with an advisor to map out an individual plan that is particular to his or her own academic schedule.

The 3+1 Advantage

Accounting majors typically seek certified public accountant (CPA) licensure after college. The CPA credential distinguishes accounting professionals and opens many doors during a career.

225-Credit CPA Exam Educational Requirements—Background

In the late 1990s, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants encouraged individual states to add 30 semester (45 quarter) hours beyond the usual 120 semester (180 quarter) hours that the undergraduate accounting degree provides, as part of the educational requirements to qualify for licensure as a CPA. This became known as the fifth-year requirement. The goal of these additional credits is to include curriculum that deepens knowledge and improves and develops critical thinking and communication skills. Almost all states and territories of the United States require the fifth year in credits. However, states vary in the content of that fifth year.

University of Oregon’s Response to the Fifth-Year Requirement

The University of Oregon's Master of Accounting (MAcc) Program is a high-quality way to earn the additional credits. The MAcc Program's curriculum broadens aspiring accountants' scope of knowledge and strengthens their critical thinking and communication skills, ultimately preparing them to enter the business world as professionals with a specialization in accounting.

The 3+1 Accounting Pathway is designed to fast-track students through the undergraduate curriculum and allow them to use the fourth year to pursue a master’s degree, effectively earning their fifth year in four years, maximizing the value to their careers while they are in college.

It’s a win-win.

The MAcc Advantage

The master of accounting curriculum deepens knowledge and critical thinking in the major areas of accounting (accounting theory, taxation, auditing, and cost management) and encourages developing skills in other areas of business such as entrepreneurship, negotiation, finance, sustainability, and sports business through MBA electives.

The business college's most experienced and widely recognized faculty teach in the MAcc Program.

Our students are highly sought after, and their placement is nearly 100 percent at graduation. It completes the package of preparation for a career in accounting.