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**3+1
ACCOUNTING
PATHWAY**

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., advanced 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, providing them with sufficient credits to take the CPA exam.

SAMPLE TIMELINE*

Year in College	Number of Credits
Incoming Freshmen	35-45 (AP/IB)
First (Sophomore)	45-50
Second (Junior)	45-50
Third (Senior)	45-50 (180 total)
Fourth (MAcc)	45
TOTAL	225

***THE TIMELINE 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 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. Moreover, people who have a specialized master's degree are more likely to be promoted faster than those who do not have an advanced degree.* 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 and maximizing the value to their careers while they are in college.

It's a win-win.

**ISSUES IN ACCOUNTING EDUCATION, AUGUST 2016*



THE MACC ADVANTAGE

The Master of Accounting program 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.



3+1 APPLICATION

PROCESS AND TIMELINE

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

APPLICATION TIMELINE

Week 2

Admissions information session

Week 3

Admissions information session

Week 5

Application deadline

Week 6

Students informed of their application status and invitation to interview.

Week 7

Admission decisions e-mailed to applicants.



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. 3+1 Accounting Pathway students must apply to be considered for admission to the Master of Accounting program.

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