MAcc Emphases

There will be a presentation on the MAcc Emphases during Orientation week. You will inform us if you intend to pursue an Emphasis in Auditing, Tax, Integrated Winter Field Experience, Information Systems, Valuation or Academic Research at that time. Students may choose only one emphasis. Students who choose to participate in the Integrated Winter Field Experience cannot choose another emphasis even if they meet the requirements for another emphasis.

**Emphasis in Academic Research** - This emphasis presents an option for preparing to study at the doctoral level at the country’s most prestigious PhD-granting universities. Students interested in pursuing this option should enroll in the three one-credit hour classes listed above plus a spring semester one-credit hour class on critiquing accounting research, and they will round out this emphasis with six carefully selected elective credits during the spring semester. Those electives may include Financial Statement Analysis, Database Management, Modeling and Simulation, Advanced Modeling Techniques, Probability (Math Dept #501), Mathematical Statistics (Math Dept #552), or other statistics and microeconomic courses selected in consultation with the Accounting Department Chair and tailored to the student’s needs and interests.

**Emphasis in Auditing** - Students who pursue the Emphasis in Auditing take 9 credits of advanced auditing courses. Three of these credits must include Advanced Auditing and Audit Research, which is offered in the fall semester. Additional credits are acquired in the spring semester and students can choose from: Governmental and Non-Profit Accounting, Financial Statement Analysis, Forensic Accounting or Auditing Information Systems.

**Emphasis in Taxation** - Students who pursue the Emphasis in Taxation take 9 credits of tax courses beyond the introductory level (Introduction to Taxation or its equivalent). Three of these credits must be taken in the fall semester as Tax Research & Current Topics. Additional credits are acquired in the spring semester and students can choose from: Taxes and Business Strategy, Estate and Financial Planning, Advanced Federal Taxation, International Taxation, Partnership and LLC Taxation, or Taxation of Mergers and Acquisitions.

**Emphasis in Valuation** - Students who pursue the emphasis in Valuation will need to complete 6 credits beyond the required Valuation and Financial Statement Modeling course offered in the fall semester. Additional credits are acquired in the spring semester and students can choose from: Forensic Accounting, Financial Statement Analysis, Data Analysis & Simulation for Accounting, Driving Corporate Performance, Project Management, Probability (Math Dept #501), or Mathematical Statistics (Math Dept #552).

**Emphasis in Information Technology** – Students who pursue the Emphasis in Information Technology take 9 credits of information technology oriented classes. Three of these credits must include Accounting Information Technology & Advisory Services, which is offered in the fall semester. Additional credits are acquired in the spring semester and students can choose from: Auditing Information Systems, Database Management, Supply Chain Management, Modeling and Simulation, Advanced Modeling Techniques, Lean Toolkit, and Six Sigma Toolkit.

**Integrated Winter Field Experience** – Students who have secured a winter internship during the fall recruiting season can pursue this emphasis. They will take three required courses in the spring semester. The first course is integrated with the winter internship and extends over the first half of spring semester. During the second half of spring semester, students round out this emphasis with the following courses: Contemporary Issues in Financial Reporting and Driving Organizational Performance.