



ACCOUNTING AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

NEWSLETTER

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Empowering Our Graduates to Succeed

As a part of the second annual MAcc Leadership Development Trip, eight Master of Accountancy (MAcc) students traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada, to attend the AICPA EDGE Conference. The goal of the three-day event was to enhance the students graduate school experience by improving their leadership and technical skills, while connecting with leaders and professionals in the accounting field.

When asked about her experience, graduate student Christy Marquez said: "The conference was full of useful information, and I found many aspects that could be applied to my current work and personal life. As the second year of UTEP sending its MAcc students to this conference, we received positive feedback from the organizers of the event as well as met many professionals who were open to give their advice and listen to our perspective of entering the world of accounting."

MAcc student Alvaro Sifuentes was excited to share: "The sessions I attended have established a foundation for my career. This will hopefully make me a successful CPA. I am honored to have attended the conference and humbled by the people I attended with. I hope UTEP continues to take their students to the conference so that others have the chance to experience all that we were able to witness."

Other comments expressed by students were "The best part of the conference were the speakers. Also, the ability to network with them to gain new connections and learn from their experiences."

BBA ACCOUNTING-MAcc FAST-TRACK PROGRAM

Are you an accounting student thinking about graduate school?

This program allows an undergraduate student to take up to **three courses** that will count towards their undergraduate and graduate degree.

The UTEP BBA Accounting and MAcc Fast-Track Program began in Fall 2016 and is designed to help undergraduate accounting students easily transition into our graduate accountancy program.

CURRENT COURSE OFFERINGS

- **ACCT 5302**
Advanced Accounting
- **ACCT 5327**
Internal Auditing
- **ACCT 5328**
Federal Income Tax: Partnerships and Corporations

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the requirements?
Minimum 3.3 GPA, and successful completion of 90 credit hours.

Am I required to take all three classes at once?

No, you can take one at a time. Typically, we do not offer all three courses in one semester.

Is the GMAT required?

No, however, you will need it when you apply to the MAcc.

Is this program a good choice for a student who wants a CPA?

This should be evaluated on an individual basis. UTEP double counts, but the Texas State CPA Board does not.

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David Folsom, PhD

What brought you to UTEP?

I am excited to be a part of the changing research environment here and for the opportunity to be closer to my extended family. I'm also excited to work with UTEP students and help them achieve success both national-ly and here in El Paso.

What are your research interests and some insights you have discovered through your research?

My research interests center around how capital providers use publicly disclosed accounting information and how firms respond to the way capital providers (and competitors) use this information.

Courses you will be teaching at UTEP this semester?

ACCT 5301 (Financial Accounting)

What is your like life away from teaching?

With three kids (ages 13, 9, and 7), my time is spent going to music lessons, basketball practices, and playing with my family. We enjoy going to the mountains, playing games, and participating in church activities. I do love college football and we enjoy watching games together (or at least my kids say they do).



Richard Cazier, PhD

What brought you to UTEP?

I was attracted to UTEP by the opportunity to work with the accounting doctoral program. Additionally, the opportunity to continue to pursue my research agenda, while maintaining a balanced teaching load. I was also excited to work with a relatively small department where I felt I could make an impact.

What are your research interests and some insights you have discovered through your research?

I enjoy studying firms' disclosure choices, including what they choose to voluntarily disclose, how they choose to disclose that information, and what information they strategically withhold.

What is your favorite thing about UTEP/El Paso Region?

I like the great weather and the warm, friendly people that are abundant in the El Paso community.

What is your life like away from teaching?

When I am not working or doing research at UTEP, I like to do things with my family. Ultimately, providing opportunities for my family is my greatest motivation to work hard every day.



Rebeca Perez, PhD

What brought you to UTEP?

I grew up in New Mexico, went to school at NMSU, and worked as an auditor with clients in El Paso; so I'm very familiar with the area. While applying for jobs, I was looking for a school where I would feel comfortable, both a good fit with the Accounting Department and the city. Moving to El Paso is like moving back home.

What are your research interests?

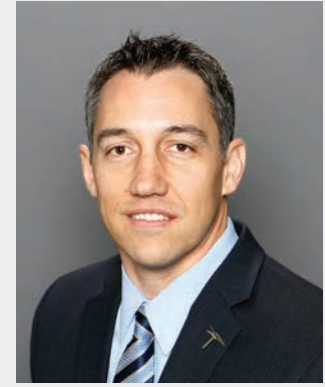
I am interested in financial accounting research, but more specifically, in the fields of executive compensation, corporate governance, and corporate social responsibility.

What is your favorite thing about UTEP/El Paso Region?

I love that almost every day, I can look outside and see blue skies and sunshine with a beautiful mountain backdrop. UTEP's architecture is beautiful. Also, UTEP's faculty and student populations are one of the friendliest I've encountered.

What is your life like away from teaching?

I have a small dog whom I LOVE! He and I are always finding new routes and parks for our walks. I also like to fill my time with exploring food, wine, music, and art



Adam Esplin, PhD

What brought you to UTEP?

I have lived in the Southwest previously and enjoyed the warm weather. I was friends with some of the existing faculty members here in the Accounting Department. Also, my wife's family and mine live relatively close.

What are your research interests and some insights you have discovered through your research?

My general research area and methodology is to use historical accounting and stock market data to investigate interesting financial accounting questions.

What is your favorite thing about UTEP/El Paso Region?

I like the warm weather and proximity to the Franklin Mountains.

Courses Taught at UTEP?

Intermediate Accounting I & II, and Financial Statements Analysis.

What is your life like away from teaching?

Most of my time away from work is spent with my wife and three young daughters. I also volunteer in my church and for the Boy Scouts of America. I plan to take up mountain biking and hiking in the Franklin Mountains as well.



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MAcc Program Adopts New Cohort System

The new cohort system is designed to allow students and working professionals with a background in accounting to complete the Master of Accountancy degree in 12 calendar months.



The program is designed to fulfill the credit requirements necessary to sit for the CPA exam. Five week modules allow students to focus on one course at a time as they acquire skills to be successful business professionals in accounting positions.

Students will take core courses and the MAcc Capstone with their cohort. Students have the option to select from two concentrations: Financial/Audit and Taxation.

UTEP at Beta Alpha Psi National Competition

This year the Theta Beta Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi sent 19 students to the 2018 Beta Alpha Psi National Conference, in Washington D.C.

During this 3-day conference, both undergraduate and graduate students engaged in workshops and listened to guest speakers discuss their professional journeys.

Accounting Society members, Benjamin Gandara and Soo-Yang Johnson, gave a presentation on skills, methods to recruit members, and the importance of turning the focus back on students. Eunice Rodriguez and Frank Espino competed in the "Best Practices, Hands-On Engagement" category.

Their presentation highlighted the Chapter's efforts to ensure that members furthered their professional experience in the various accounting and finance areas, while remaining engaged within the organization and most importantly, the community. We are proud of the all members involved! You are shining example of the amazing student body at UTEP! Keep up the good work and all the best in the upcoming year!

GO MINERS! PICKS UP!

