FINANCE

MASTERS
Accounting, Control, Audit (CCA)

The production of financial information, which is increasingly abundant and automated and the interpretation and increasingly complex use made of this information requires significant technical skills and a high level of expertise.

The Masters in Accounting, Control and Audit (CCA) is the benchmark qualification in university teaching for chartered accountancy. This national qualification is particularly well recognised in the professional field, notably by the Ordre des Experts Comptables and the Compagnie des Commissaires aux Comptes.

It aims to prepare students for the Higher Diploma in Accounting and Management (DSCG), which is indispensable to become a chartered accountancy intern. The DSCG covers seven teaching units.

STUDENTS HOLDING THE MASTERS CCA ARE EXEMPT FROM THE ENTIRE DIPLOMA IN ACCOUNTING AND MANAGEMENT (DCC) AND FIVE UNITS OF THE DSCG.

In addition, the Masters CCA covers the entire DSCG programme, offering a very good opportunity to prepare for the two remaining DSCG units: Accountancy and audit, legal, tax and social management.

TWO TEACHING FORMATS ARE POSSIBLE IN THE 2ND YEAR:
• The standard format, with a three-month internship,
• The work-study format: three days in a company, two days at IAE.

This is a professional course which aims to provide students with the professional skills required in accountancy (advanced accountancy, management and financial control) and in law, to take on management positions in the accountancy and audit sectors.

The CCA Masters covers all the DSCG programmes, providing students with an excellent opportunity to prepare for these exams. The course adopts a progressive approach and there are numerous evaluations throughout: basic concepts are studied in the first year, while the second year address accounting, legal and financial issues of groups, while placing great emphasis on cross-cutting disciplines (information systems, management, strategy, project management, English, etc.).

Professional development is promoted through internships: Three months in the first year, three months in the second year, or the possibility of completing the Masters as a programme alternating work and study.

At the end of the course, students will enter the labour market with two degrees: the CCA Masters obtained from the University and the DSCG issued by the education authorities.

Passing the DSCG is undoubtedly a plus in terms of career development, as it provides access to the chartered accounting internship, but it is not obligatory.

National diploma: Master (120 ECTS)
• Final qualification: Bac + 5
• Length of course : 2 ans
• Accessible as
    Initial study programme
    Work-study programme
Continuous education programme VAE (Validation of Acquired Experience)

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Choice of status and training format in the 2nd year of the Masters CCA

- Student status, with six months of teaching and three months of internship (January to end of March).
- Employee status, student apprentice or professional trainee and a programme which includes three days working in a company and two days at the IAE.

- Status of auditor in continuous education: employed in the work-study format or on a career break with a set format (job seeker, training leave).

Eligibility conditions
The course is provided in the standard format, the work-study format or as part of continuous education.

Joining the first year of the Masters CCA
The Masters is open to graduates holding a degree with a significant amount of teaching in the accounting and legal fields. It is particularly targeted at students who have followed the ‘accounting’ part of the undergraduate course at IAE Saint Etienne.

For students holding the undergraduate degree from IAE Saint Etienne, admission is granted on the basis of an application to the application committee (academic results + career plan).

For other students who have followed a course with strong accounting and legal elements (graduates holding a Diploma in Accounting and Management in particular), access is based on availability of places. Admission is granted on the basis of an application to the application committee (results of the SIM Score IAE Message test, academic results and career plan) and, possibly, an interview.

Registrations and information on the Score IAE Message: wwwiae-message.fr

The Masters programme (1st or 2nd year) is also open to employees who are retraining and who have professional experience which is deemed sufficient by the Validation of Professional and Personal Experience system (VAPP).

Joining the second year of the Masters CCA
Grades of the first year of the Masters CCA from the IAE Saint Etienne have priority access to the second year of the Masters CCA. Admission is on the basis of an application to the application committee (academic results + career plan).

For other students who have followed a course with strong accounting and legal elements, access is based on availability of places.

Admission is granted on the basis of an application to the application committee (results of the SIM Score IAE Message test, academic results and career plan) and, possibly, an interview.

Career prospects
Given the very high number of job vacancies in accountancy, graduates can be assured to find work at the end of the Masters. A very high number of students join accountancy firms, often as chartered accountancy interns.

Career development is facilitated by the compulsory internship (12 weeks each year) at the end of the financial year.

More generally, students holding the Masters CCA have access to accountancy careers in the widest sense (as employees in accountancy firms/chartered accountant interns/trainee auditors/managers in corporate financial services and banks/internal auditors/management controllers/managers in the public sector (financial attaches, management controllers in a regional authority, etc.).

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