

**Lariccia School of Accounting and Finance (LSAF)  
Williamson College of Business Administration (WCBA)  
College of Graduate Studies  
Youngstown State University**

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY (MAcc)

**COMMENTS ON THE FULL PROPOSAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON**

1. Academic Quality

The overall quality of the program seems adequate. Faculty are qualified to offer the program and YSU has made reasonable plans to staff required courses. Resources seem adequate to support the program.

2. Need

Demand for high quality accounting graduates is strong regionally and nationally. A strong supply of high quality accounting graduates who are CPA eligible is clearly needed.

YSU has demonstrated that there is a sufficient pool of students who are interested in their new MAcc. I anticipate that the program will have a critical mass.

Recruitment of underrepresented minorities will be a challenge. The pool of minority students who wish to pursue accounting as a career is relatively small and the competition to recruit such students is intense. YSU may need to devote more resources to assure that its MAcc program attracts and retains high quality underrepresented minorities. Other universities within the state face similar challenges with recruiting and retaining minority students into their graduate accounting programs.

4. Statewide Alternatives

Master's level accounting programs are available at several state universities, including The University of Akron, Kent State University,

Cleveland State University, Bowling Green State University, University of Toledo, Ohio University, University of Cincinnati, The Ohio State University, Miami University, and Wright State University.

Students in the Youngstown area have not had easy access to a MAcc program that is offered by an AACSB accredited business school. YSU's new program will help fill that void.

The University of Akron would consider collaborating with YSU to offer its new MAcc. Such collaboration may be mutually beneficial to both institutions.

YSU appears to be highly committed to the proposed MAcc. Faculty resources may be a challenge but staffing plans seem reasonable in the short run.

## 5. External Support

Traditionally, accounting alumni are highly supportive of their respective universities. It is highly likely that YSU's alumni and the accounting profession will support the program.