

M.S. IN ACCOUNTING

The Stillman School's Department of Accounting and Taxation offers Master of Science (M.S.) degrees in accounting and professional accounting.

Note: Program directors must be consulted concerning prerequisite coursework, course sequencing and choice of electives. Students lacking prerequisite knowledge may need to successfully complete additional coursework/credits or part of the M.B.A. Pre-Qualification Sequence in order to fulfill the M.S. requirements. Additional program-specific requirements are included under each degree and are subject to change as required by the Stillman School.

Mission Statement - Department of Accounting and Taxation

We prepare students to be leaders in a dynamic accounting profession. Building on student learning in the University and the Stillman school, we strive to create an engaging educational environment that focuses on knowledge of accounting disciplines, collecting and managing accounting data, problem solving, communications skills, and professional leadership.

Master of Science in Accounting

(30 credits; additional undergraduate or graduate credits may be necessary if prerequisite knowledge requirements are not satisfied.)

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Seton Hall's Master of Science (M.S.) in Accounting is geared toward graduates of non-accounting programs. The program is of particular interest to candidates with undergraduate degrees in business. Candidates with degrees in liberal arts, social science, education, nursing or engineering may also want to consider the M.B.A with a concentration in Accounting. Students can earn this academic credential in accounting while preparing for eligibility for such certifications as the CPA, CMA, and CIA. (To sit for the CPA Exam in New Jersey, applicants must have completed at least 24 credit hours in accounting and taxation and at least 24 credit hours in non-accounting, business courses. These requirements can be satisfied by any combination of undergraduate and graduate credits.)

Degree Requirements

Completion of the M.S. in Accounting requires a minimum of 30 credits of approved coursework, composed of 21 credit hours of required courses and 9 credit hours of accounting or taxation electives.

Three restrictions apply: First, no course may be transferred if it has been applied to a prior degree. Second, a minimum of 24 credit hours of coursework must be completed at the Stillman School. Third, students may not repeat courses taken previously at the graduate or undergraduate level.

As part of the graduation requirements for the M.S. in Accounting, students are required to successfully participate in an assessment panel and complete a post-assessment test, preferably in their last semester before graduation.

Prerequisite Knowledge

Prerequisite requirements include courses in basic financial accounting, managerial accounting and introductory business law. At Seton Hall, these prerequisites may be satisfied by successfully completing the

sequence at the undergraduate (BACC 2103 Financial Accounting, BACC 2104 Managerial Accounting and BLAW 2301 Legal Foundations of Business) or graduate (BMBA 8008 Accounting Pre-Qualifier and BMBA 8009 Legal Studies Pre-Qualifier) levels.

Upon acceptance into the program, all students must meet with the program director to draw up a plan of study.

Course Sequence and Program Length

Candidates for the master's degree are expected to fulfill all degree requirements within a maximum of five years after they have begun their studies. The program can be completed in approximately 1.5 academic years (evenings only). Full-time students who begin coursework in the fall semester can complete the program in one year.

M.S./Accounting Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
BACC 7100	Financial Reporting	6
BACC 7114	Cost Accounting	3
BACC 7123	Auditing Standards and Problems	3
BACC 7135	Essentials of Federal Taxation	3
BACC 8001	Financial Accounting Seminar	3
or BTAX 6003	Tax Research	
BLAW 7314	Commercial Law	3
Subtotal		21
Elective Courses		
Accounting or Taxation electives *		9
Subtotal		9
Total Hours		30

* Consult program director for approved electives.