MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The MSA program is a full-time, cohort program that spans the Summer, Fall and Spring terms. Students begin the program one week before Memorial Day and graduate the subsequent May. Students opt for one of three designated tracks: assurance, tax, or accounting information systems. The program provides advanced knowledge in the field of accounting, so individuals can succeed in an environment that increasingly requires grounding in ethical, legal, and regulatory matters, as well as knowledge of technology’s role in accounting, financial reporting, auditing, and tax. The MSA program not only meets these professional needs but also addresses the educational requirements of most states for CPA certification. Given the limited number of seats available each year and the competitiveness of the application pool, it is advisable to apply early for admission to the program.

COURSE OF STUDY
The curriculum includes 30 credits of course-work, consisting of 10 three-credit courses. Course choices are made in consultation with a student’s advisor and vary based on track (assurance, tax, accounting information systems).

FOUNDATION COURSES (15 CREDITS)
- AC 530  Accounting for Governments, Hospitals, and Universities
- AC 570  Issues in Accounting Ethics
- AC 580  Financial Statement Analysis
- TX 510  Entity Taxation

Choose one:
- AC 550  Accounting Information Systems and Technology
- AC 560  Audit Issues in a Global Environment
- TX 550  Tax Planning

INTERNATIONAL COURSES (3 CREDITS)
Choose one:
- AC 520  International Accounting
- TX 542  International Taxation
- AC 560  Audit Issues in a Global Environment*

* Students who choose AC 560 as a Foundation Course and as an International Course MUST take an additional elective course from the following list of electives.

DESIGNATED RESEARCH COURSE (3 CREDITS)
Choose one:
- AC 590  Research on Contemporary Issues in Accounting
- TX 500  Tax Research

ELECTIVE COURSES (9 CREDITS)
- AC 510  Issues in a Regulatory Reporting Environment
- AC 520  International Accounting
- AC 550  Accounting Information Systems and Technology
- AC 555  Issues in Internal Audit
- AC 560  Audit Issues in a Global Environment
- AC 585  Seminar: Special Topics in Accounting
- AC 590  Research on Contemporary Issues in Accounting
- TX 500  Tax Research
- TX 501  Tax Accounting
- TX 502  Taxation of Property Transactions
- TX 512  Advanced Topics in Entity Taxation
- TX 520  Estate and Gift Taxation
- TX 530  Partnership Taxation
- TX 540  State and Local Taxation
- TX 542  International Taxation
- TX 548  Tax Practice and Procedure
- TX 550  Tax Planning
- TX 585  Seminar: Contemporary Topics in Taxation
- IS 520  Project Management
- OM 525  Business Process Improvement
- MG 510  Management Communication, Influence and Power
- CO 528  Professional Rhetoric and Presentation

* Elective Courses may also include any other 500-level business course with permission of the accounting department chair or designee.

GRADUATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR
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Dr. Ligas is the Associate Dean and Director of the Dolan School of Business graduate programs. He is available to answer any specific questions you have about our business programs, admission requirements, and application procedures.
Submit transcripts and any other documents that cannot be uploaded to:
Committee on Graduate Admission
Dolan School of Business
Fairfield University
1073 North Benson Road
Fairfield, CT 06824

The School generally admits graduate students who meet the minimum criteria of a formula score of 1100. The formula score is the result of multiplying an applicant’s grade point average (GPA) by 200 and adding that product to his or her GMAT score. In most cases, this requires an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.00 accompanied by a GMAT score of at least 500.

MANDATORY IMMUNIZATIONS
Connecticut State law requires each full-time or matriculated student to provide proof of immunity or screening against measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (chicken pox), meningitis and tuberculosis. Certain exemptions based on age and housing status apply. Matriculating students are defined as those enrolled in a degree seeking program. More detailed information and the required downloadable forms are available online at www.fairfield.edu/immunization. Completed forms should be submitted directly to the Student Health Center. Although this is not required to complete an application, you must provide proof of immunity/screening prior to course registration. Please consult your private health care provider to obtain the necessary immunizations. Questions may be directed to the Student Health Center: 203-254-4000 ext. 2241 or e-mail health@fairfield.edu.

TUITION/FINANCIAL AID
Academic Year 2016/2017
Tuition: $875 per credit hour

A graduate education can provide countless professional and personal rewards in the future. However, the costs associated with earning a master’s degree may be challenging. Many students need to look beyond their own financial resources or the resources of their employer for assistance. There are many ways to finance a graduate education, including graduate assistantships, federal direct loan programs and our Veterans Pride Program, which are all discussed at www.fairfield.edu/gradfa.

DOLAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS
Full-time graduate students in the School of Business are eligible to apply for a limited number of graduate assistantships. The assistantships are designed for students to work directly with faculty and the Dean’s Office. Given their competitive nature, it is best to apply early to be considered for these awards.

GRADUATE ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS
Full-time graduate students in the School of Business are eligible to apply for a limited number of entrance scholarships. These one-time awards are applied to the first semester of study. Given their competitive nature, it is best to apply early to be considered for these awards.

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID
Advisors from the Office of Financial Aid are committed to helping students find the options that best suit each of their needs. We encourage all Fairfield University graduate students to contact the Financial Aid office with any questions or to make an appointment to speak with a counselor.

FINANCIAL AID CONTACT INFORMATION
Phone: 203-254-4125
Fax: 203-254-4008
E-mail: finaid@fairfield.edu

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE OPERATIONS
Days: Monday-Friday
Hours: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Location: Aloysius P. Kelley, S.J. Center
MORE INFORMATION

ADMISSION QUESTIONS
Questions about the application process should be directed to the Office of Graduate Admission.
Phone: 203-254-4184
Fax: 203-254-4073
E-mail: gradadmis@fairfield.edu

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DOLAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS WEBSITE
www.fairfield.edu/mba

ONLINE CATALOG
For detailed course descriptions and other University information, please refer to our online catalog
www.fairfield.edu/catalogs.

COURSE SCHEDULES
www.fairfield.edu/dsb_schedule