



FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY GRADUATE PROGRAMS



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 two designated tracks: assurance or tax. 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 students' advisor and vary based on track (assurance, tax).

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:

- 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 565 Forensic Accounting
- AC 585 Seminar: Special Topics in Accounting
- AC 590 Research on Contemporary Issues in Accounting
- AC 591 Practicum 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
- MG 512 The Law of Commercial Transactions: Advanced Studies in the Uniform Commercial Code
- 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.

DIRECTOR, GRADUATE ACCOUNTING PROGRAMS

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Kathi Mettler is a Professor of Accounting and Director of the Dolan School of Business' Graduate Accounting Programs. She is available to answer questions you have about accounting curricula and CPA licensure..

DIRECTOR, GRADUATE RECRUITMENT AND ADMISSION DOLAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Pam Pillo

Phone: 203-254-4000, ext. 3219

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Pam is available to answer questions about the program and assist you through the application process.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Prior to beginning the program, applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university (or the international equivalent) and have completed coursework equivalent to the following Fairfield University courses: AC 203 (Intermediate Accounting I), AC 204 (Intermediate Accounting II), AC 310 (Advanced Accounting), AC 320 (Cost Accounting), AC 330 (Auditing), and AC 343 (Taxation I). In addition, applicants are required to have completed the following undergraduate courses: College-level Mathematics, Statistics, Microeconomics, and Macroeconomics.

FORMAL ADMISSION PROCESS

Students seeking admission must complete and submit the following online:

1. A completed application.
(Apply online at www.fairfield.edu/dsbapp.)
2. A non-refundable \$60 application fee.
3. A professional résumé.
4. A statement of self-evaluation of work experience and career objectives.
5. Official transcripts from all universities/colleges attended (All foreign transcripts must be evaluated by an approved evaluating service. A list of approved evaluators is available at www.fairfield.edu/eval).
6. Two references completed online; one recommendation from a faculty member and one from a present or former employer is preferred.
7. Official score for the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) www.gmat.com. The GRE can be substituted for the GMAT. For information regarding our GMAT/GRE waiver policy, please contact Pam Pillo at ppillo@fairfield.edu.
8. All international students whose native language is not English must demonstrate proficiency in the English language by taking either TOEFL or IELTS exams. For admission to the graduate school, a TOEFL composite score of 550 for the paper test, 213 for the computer-based test, 80 on the internet-based test or an IELTS score of 6.5 is strongly recommended. Scores must be sent directly from the Educational Testing Service (TOEFL) or www.IELTS.org. Fairfield's ETS code is 3390.

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 2019-20

Tuition: \$1035 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