MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TAXATION

The Master of Science in Taxation (MST) program offers exceptional opportunities to gain the academically based professional knowledge that is critical for success in today’s business environment. With more than 3,000 alumni, the Bentley MST is the largest graduate tax program in New England and one of the largest in the country.

BUILDING SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE
Students in the MST program:
- Learn to develop and implement successful tax strategies;
- Exercise skills in critical thinking and ethical responsibility;
- Use Bentley’s leading-edge technology resources, such as the Trading Room, Winer Accounting Center for Electronic Learning and Business Measurement, and proprietary and public domain databases;
- Can pursue the degree while simultaneously working toward a certificate in a related area, such as financial planning.

LEARN ON CAMPUS OR ONLINE
All courses in the MST program use the latest technologies for online learning, so students have the option of attending class either on campus or from their home or office. Online and on-campus classes take place simultaneously, fostering discussion among all students and the instructor. This high-tech approach brings together voice, video, data and graphics in a structured learning environment that combines online convenience with all the benefits of the classroom experience.

INCREASE YOUR OPTION
The Bentley MST program provides a way to work toward the 150-academic-credit-hour requirement to become licensed as a certified public accountant (CPA) in many states, including Massachusetts. Immerse yourself in a well-rounded tax education while working toward these credit hours to take your career to the next level.
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CORE COURSES (FIVE COURSES)
Professional Tax Practice is recommended to be taken as one of the first courses in the MST program.

TX 600 Professional Tax Practice
TX 601 Federal Taxation of Income
TX 602 Transactions
TX 603 Corporations and Shareholders
TX 604 Multi-Jurisdictional Taxation

ELECTIVES (FIVE COURSES)
Select five taxation courses from the list below or any other graduate courses at the 600 level or higher.

TX 704 Federal Taxation of Income from Trusts and Estates
TX 707 Pass-Through Entities and Closely Held Businesses
TX 711 Mergers and Acquisitions
TX 731 Investment Companies and Other Financial Products
TX 732 Intellectual Properties
TX 733 Tax Aspects of Buying and Selling a Business
TX 741 Tax Accounting Problems
TX 761 State and Local Taxation Practice
TX 771 International Tax Practice
TX 781 Internship in Tax Practice
TX 791 Practicum in Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic

CERTIFICATE OF GRADUATE STUDIES IN TAXATION
This four-course program enables students who have earned a bachelor’s degree to gain an essential foundation in tax principles. Visit bentley.edu/certificate for details on curriculum requirements, the time frame for study, and other elements of the program.

Gloria Jiang
Senior Tax Associate
KPMG, LLP

Gloria Jiang began her career studying accounting. She ended up falling in love with taxation — and coming to Bentley to earn her master’s degree in the field.

“Digging into the tax codes trying to finish a research project gave me this great, unrivaled feeling of accomplishment,” the Shanghai native says. “At the end of first semester, I knew very clearly that I wanted to be a tax professional.”

Working as a senior associate of business tax services at KPMG in Boston, Jiang didn’t have to go far.

“Bentley is one of the best business schools in the country,” she says. “On top of all the great classes offered, Bentley has countless coaching and mentoring opportunities for students to start their own network beginning on day one, which is great for international students who might not have many connections here in the U.S.”

Bentley not only expanded her tax and accounting skills, but the vibrant campus life was a big factor for Jiang in developing the soft skills so many employers look for.

“There’s such a strong student organization network. I could build relationships with professors and alumni in a variety of professions,” she says. “It was not only an ideal way to practice my communication, teamwork and leadership skills, but also opened my eyes to see the world from other people’s experiences and stories.

“Bentley not only changed my career direction — it also changed my mentality as a professional, and as a business leader.”