

Master of Science in Accountancy

Bentley is a longstanding, recognized leader in accounting education. The Master of Science in Accountancy (MSA) was the first such program in Massachusetts to gain the prestigious separate accountancy accreditation from AACSB International — the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

Here, you'll think beyond the numbers, discovering new ways to meet the accounting problems of tomorrow, developing specialties in areas you're passionate about, and learning to better communicate and integrate technology throughout all levels of an organization.

Program Features

- Up-to-date, high-quality education in the major areas of accounting: financial, managerial and tax accounting, auditing, and accounting information systems.
- Opportunities for students to learn from and interact with professionals working in the field.
- An option to pursue the degree while simultaneously working toward a graduate certificate in a related area.
- Scheduling flexibility that includes full-time and part-time study, and the opportunity to take some courses online.
- Use your MSA to meet the education requirements for CPA licensing. In Massachusetts, completing the Bentley MSA satisfies all requirements for course work and waives the work experience requirement needed for the CPA.

Hands-On Learning

Today's competitive marketplace demands that accountants take on nontraditional roles such as technology expert, management consultant and financial planner. To meet these new challenges, you need to think beyond the numbers, develop specialties, and learn to integrate technology at all levels of an organization. MSA candidates at Bentley develop these value-added skills in the Howard A. Winer Accounting Center for Electronic Learning and Business Measurement (ACELAB). You'll get direct experience with the hardware, software, and other applications that deliver up-to-the-minute information for business decision-making.

Career Outcomes

With a Bentley MSA, you'll gain the expertise and broad perspective to prepare you for exciting careers in such fields as forensics, fraud, and mergers and acquisitions.

- Financial officer
- Audit associate
- Tax consultant
- Hedge fund accountant
- Senior analyst

“My MSA degree from Bentley opened many doors for me.”

Jelena Majkic

Senior Associate, Forensics
Pricewaterhouse Coopers



Curriculum

The MSA is a specialized degree customized for each student. The program comprises four accountancy core courses, two accountancy electives, and up to four unrestricted electives, depending on the student's background. An evaluation of each student's background is part of the admission process. Foundation and Core courses are available in a hybrid format.

Foundation (3 courses)

All applicants will be evaluated for foundation waivers.

GR 521 Managerial Statistics

GR 522 Economic Environment of the Firm

GR 525 Financial Statement Analysis for Decision-Making

Preparation in Accountancy (3 courses)

AC 611 Financial Accounting Problems I

AC 612 Financial Accounting Problems II

AC 621 Cost Accounting

Core (4 courses)

AC 730 Business Process and Systems Assessment

AC 741 Financial Statement Auditing

AC 750 Federal Income Taxation

AC 793 Professional Accounting Research and Policy

Accountancy Electives (2 courses)

A sampling of courses that meet the accountancy elective requirement; choose two.

AC 701 Internship in Accounting Practice

AC 714 Business Reporting and Analysis

AC 742 IT Auditing

AC 744 Internal Auditing

AC 753 Tax Factors in Business Decisions

AC 771 Governmental Accounting, Reporting and Auditing

AC 772 Principles of Fraud Investigation

AC 773 Fraud and Forensic Accounting

Unrestricted Electives (up to 4 courses)

Students without the appropriate background must use up to three unrestricted electives to meet the accountancy preparation requirement. Remaining unrestricted electives may be chosen according to the student's interest or to fulfill requirements for a graduate certificate in a related area, such as fraud and forensic accounting, taxation, financial planning, business ethics, marketing analytics or business data analysis.

For complete degree requirements and most up-to-date course options, visit admissions.bentley.edu.

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