

Graduate Program Curriculum Outline
For Students with Non-Business Degree

Major Required (Core) Courses (Total # of courses required = 15)		
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
FIN 500	Economic Concepts for Managers	3
POM 500	Statistical Analysis	3
MGT 600	Corporate Social Responsibility & Business Law	3
MIS 650	Information Technology Management	3
FIN 650	Finance for Decision Making	3
ACT 500	Financial Accounting	3
ACT 511	Intermediate Accounting I	3
ACT 512	Intermediate Accounting II	3
ACT 601	Auditing	3
ACT 611	Federal Taxation	3
ACT 621	Advanced Financial Accounting	3
ACT 650	Accounting for Decision Making	3
ACT 670	Financial Statement Analysis and Firm Valuation	3
ACT 672	International Accounting	3
ACT 673	Government and Non-profit Accounting	3
SubTotal # Core Credits Required		45
Curriculum Summary		
Total number of courses required for the degree		15
Total credit hours required for degree		45



Master of Science | Accounting

Program overview

The Charlton College of Business Master of Science in Accounting (MSA) program provides advanced and affordable education in accounting for those with accounting, business or non-business baccalaureate degrees. The MSA program is designed to help students with accounting degrees to advance in their field and to offer opportunities to non-accounting graduates to transition to more rewarding accounting and related careers.

For students pursuing the CPA designation, the MSA program will help meet the 150 credit rule that has been adopted by all states. The program will provide students with courses that are consistent with the content specifications of the CPA and Certified Management Accounting (CMA) exams and topics. The program will also provide excellent preparation for other valuable accounting related professional certifications such as the Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), Certified Financial Planner (CFP), and Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE). The Charlton MSA program will help advance careers, provide significant professional development, position our graduates as leaders in the accounting field while maximizing the earnings potentials.

Faculty and principal areas of expertise

- ▶ **Chan Du**, DBA, Boston University; corporate governance, executive compensation, financial statement analysis, pedagogy in accounting education.
- ▶ **Michael Griffin**, MBA, CPA, CMA, CFM, ChFC, Bryant University; accounting information systems, accounting education, managerial accounting, e-commerce.
- ▶ **Dawn Gupta**, MBA, CPA, UMass Dartmouth. Financial Accounting, Managerial Accounting, Auditing, Taxation, Government and Non-profit Accounting.
- ▶ **Shipeng Han**, PhD, University of Memphis; financial accounting and auditing.
- ▶ **Tien-shih Hsieh**, PhD, Bentley University, accounting information systems, behavioral accounting, corporate social responsibility reporting.

- ▶ **Chris Jacobsen**, MBA, CPA, UMass Dartmouth. Financial Accounting, Managerial Accounting, Auditing.
- ▶ **Ling Lin**, DBA, Boston University; financial accounting, international accounting, auditing quality, institutional ownership.
- ▶ **Nancy Osborne**, MST, CPA, CFP, Bentley University. Financial Accounting, Managerial Accounting, Taxation.
- ▶ **Liang Song**, PhD, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, managerial accounting, AIS.
- ▶ **Lisa Szargowitz**, MST, CPA, CGMA, Bentley University; financial accounting, managerial accounting, taxation.
- ▶ **Bruce Walter**, MBA, CPA, UMass Dartmouth; financial accounting, intermediate accounting, managerial accounting.
- ▶ **Jia Wu**, PhD, Rutgers University; accounting information systems and auditing, and analytical controls in continuous auditing.

Program strengths and highlights

The Charlton College of Business (CCB) Master of Science in Accounting (MSA) Program

- ▶ CCB is AACSB accredited, the international gold standard.
- ▶ Only 10% of business schools have all undergraduate and graduate programs accredited by AACSB.
- ▶ Provides three tracks of graduate accounting education for students with different accounting and business backgrounds.
- ▶ Prepares students for the CPA, CMA and other accounting certificates.
- ▶ Is taught by leading scholars and practitioners in accounting, auditing and taxation.
- ▶ Offers great classroom experience and career opportunities in accounting.

Application requirements

Admission to the MSA program is available to qualified candidates who hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education. Candidates must submit the required application materials and application fee to the Graduate School. Applications are reviewed and judged on the following criteria:

- ▶ Previous college experience. An official transcript from all institutions of higher education ever attended is required. The transcript must show dates attended, final grades, and credits earned. Applicants who attended a college/university outside the United States must have their official transcripts translated into English, by a credit evaluation service, showing final GPA scores.
- ▶ GMAT exam (or equivalent). LSAT or GRE could be substituted for the GMAT exam.
- ▶ Two letters of recommendation.
- ▶ An essay of 200-300 words describing the applicant's motivation and goals.
- ▶ A current resume.

Candidates whose Bachelor's degree was not earned in an approved English language country must submit either the TOEFL exam (minimum score of 80 internet-based or 550 paper-based) or IELTS exam (minimum band score of 6.5).

The GMAT requirement for MSA program admission consideration at UMass Dartmouth is waived if the applicant proves, to UMass Dartmouth's satisfaction, any of the following:

- ▶ Have an earned a baccalaureate degree (or the equivalent of a USA baccalaureate degree) in any major/discipline from an accredited college/university with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale. *Minimum documentation required: Official transcript (if you earned UMass Dartmouth baccalaureate degree, the official transcript will be obtained on your behalf).*
- ▶ Have at least five (5) years of managerial/supervisory work experience. *Minimum documentation required: Letter of recommendation from at least one (1) employer (preferably current employer) and resume which cites months and years of all employment, all employer(s) name(s), all job title(s), and specific description(s) of managerial/supervisory duty(ies).*
- ▶ Have a professional license or certificate that requires a test of field-specific knowledge (e.g., CPA, CFA, CPSM, etc.) and is relevant to the degree program to which I am applying. *Minimum documentation required: Copy of license or certificate.*
- ▶ Have an earned graduate degree (master's or doctoral) in any major/discipline from an accredited college/university. *Minimum documentation required: Official transcript.*

- ▶ Have an earned Graduate Certificate from the Charlton College of Business at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.30. *Minimum documentation required: Official transcript (will be obtained on your behalf).*

Applicants whose GMAT requirement is waived may still be required to take Foundation courses prior to beginning the MBA coursework.

To earn a degree

MSA candidates must complete 30-45 credits of course work dependent on the students' background. The MSA curriculum includes both core courses and elective courses in accounting and business. Once enrolled in the program, candidates are expected to take all courses at UMass Dartmouth. However, up to 6 credits may be transferred into this sequence, either at the time of admission or after enrolling in the MBA program, to satisfy elective course requirements. Course waiver depends on prior course work and may be granted on a case by base basis.

For more information

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For Students with Accounting Degree

Major Required (Core) Courses (Total # of courses required = 6)		
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
ACT 601	Auditing	3
ACT 611	Federal Taxation	3
ACT 650	Accounting for Decision Making	3
ACT 670	Financial Statement Analysis and Firm Valuation	3
ACT 672	International Accounting	3
ACT 673	Government and Non-profit Accounting	3
SubTotal # Core Credits Required		18
Elective Course Choices (Total courses required = 4)		
ACT 621	Advanced Financial Accounting	3
ACT 671	Strategic Cost Management	3
ACT 680	Forensic Accounting	3
ACT 681	Advanced Managerial Accounting	3
MGT 600	Corporate Social Responsibility and Business Law	3
MIS 650	Information Technology Management	3
FIN 650	Finance for Decision Making	3
Other BUS Courses	Other Business Electives ** as Approved by Advisor	3
SubTotal # Elective Credits Required		12
Curriculum Summary		
Total number of courses required for the degree	10	
Total credit hours required for degree	30	

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For Students with Non-Accounting Business Degree

Major Required (Core) Courses (Total # of courses required = 9)		
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
ACT 511	Intermediate Accounting I	3
ACT 512	Intermediate Accounting II	3
ACT 601	Auditing	3
ACT 611	Federal Taxation	3
ACT 621	Advanced Financial Accounting	3
ACT 650	Accounting for Decision Making	3
ACT 670	Financial Statement Analysis and Firm Valuation	3
ACT 672	International Accounting	3
ACT 673	Government and Non-profit Accounting	3
SubTotal # Core Credits Required		27
Elective Course Choices (Total courses required = 2)		
ACT 671	Strategic Cost Management	3
ACT 680	Forensic Accounting	3
ACT 681	Advanced Managerial Accounting	3
MGT 600	Corporate Social Responsibility and Business Law	3
MIS 650	Information Technology Management	3
FIN 650	Finance for Decision Making	3
Other BUS Course	Other Business Elective** as Approved by Advisor	3
SubTotal # Elective Credits Required		6
Curriculum Summary		
Total number of courses required for the degree	11	
Total credit hours required for degree	33	

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