

Program of Work
Master of Science in Taxation

The MS Taxation degree prepares students for professional tax careers in the public, private, or governmental sectors and is designed for individuals who hold an undergraduate degree in Accounting and wish to specialize in Taxation. As part of this objective, the program is designed to provide the educational background to become a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

General Education Courses	
Course	
ENGL 53XX ^{*7}	English
MATH 1315	Algebra
MATH 1316 ^{*4}	Calculus
BSTAT 3321 (or equivalent)	Introduction to Statistics
INSY 2302 (or equivalent)	Computer Literacy

Business Education ^{*3}	
Course	
ECON 2306 or 5313 (2305)	Micro/Macro or equivalents
MANA 3318 or equivalent	Management
FINA 5311 (3313) or equivalent	Finance
BLAW 5332 (3310 and 3311 or 3312) or equivalent	Business Law
ACCT 2301 or equivalent	Principles of Accounting
ACCT 2302 or equivalent	Principles of Accounting

Accounting Education Beyond Principles ^{*5}	
Course	
ACCT 5311 (3311) or equivalent	Financial ACCT I
ACCT 5312 (3312) or equivalent	Financial ACCT II
ACCT 5314 (3315) or equivalent	Introduction to Taxation ^{*8}
ACCT 5315 (3303) or equivalent	Accounting Systems Analysis
ACCT 5316 (4318) or equivalent	Auditing
ACCT 5322 (4302) or equivalent	Managerial Accounting

Students may not take a course which has been waived on their program of work without prior approval from the Graduate Advisor.

GRADE REQUIREMENTS: In order to graduate, you must have a 3.0 GPA in Accounting, a 3.0 GPA in your Degree Requirements, and an overall 3.0 GPA.

Degree Requirements	
Course	
ACCT 5133	Accounting Professionalism (1 hr) Please take early in program
ACCT 5339 ^{*9}	Tax Planning and Research
ACCT 5341	Taxation of Passthrough Entities
ACCT 5342 ^{*10}	Tax Problems of Corporations and Shareholders
ACCT 5347	Federal Taxation of Gifts and Estates
ACCT 5319	Financial Accounting III
TAX ACCT Elective ^{*6}	
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ACCT Elective ^{*2}	
ACCT Elective	
Business Elective ^{*1}	

^{*1} Students must take at least 1 non-accounting business elective. Students seeking a CPA are strongly recommended to take ACCT 5380 and BCOM 5375 to meet CPA exam eligibility requirements.

^{*2} Internship (ACCT 5399) may be counted as an ACCT or BUS elective and may be counted as an ACCT class by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy. An internship may not be counted as a Tax Accounting Elective.

^{*3} A maximum of 3 hours taken during the MST program in the "Business Education" category may serve as Degree Requirements' Business Electives. These hours must be graduate hours.

^{*4} The math requirement will be waived based on satisfactory GMAT quantitative scores (30th percentile or better).

^{*5} A maximum of 6 hours taken during the MST program in the "Accounting Education Beyond Principles" category may serve as Degree Requirements' "Restricted" Accounting Electives. These hours must be graduate hours.

^{*6} MST students **cannot** enroll in Entities Taxation (ACCT 5340).

^{*7} International students can establish competence with appropriate TOEFL and GMAT Verbal percentile with approval of Graduate Advisor.

^{*8} ACCT 5314 or its equivalent which MUST be taken in the US in the last 5 years is a prerequisite for all upper level tax courses.

^{*9} **ACCT 5339 is a prerequisite for ALL tax classes 5341 and above (5341, 5342, 5345, 5346, 5347).**

^{*10} Students are required to hold an Excel expert certificate (Certiport or equivalent) in order to register for this course.

Admission Requirements

- 3.0+ GPA in last 60 undergraduate hours from AACSB institution
- GMAT Total Score of 500 or above
(30th percentile in both Verbal & Quantitative Sections)

*GMAT waivers available under limited conditions

MS Accounting Graduate Advisor

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Applicants who do not meet the requirements above will have their application for admission reviewed holistically using the following factors, with no single factor used as the primary criterion for making admission decisions.

- Undergraduate and graduate GPA (overall, major, and last 60 hours) and program accreditation status of the applicant's degree granting institution
- Score on the GMAT (including separate scores on the verbal and quantitative portions)
- Applicant's professional work experience and professional certification/licensure
- Letter of reference and personal statement provided by the applicant