MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING AND TAXATION (MSAT)

CAREER-FOCUSED BUSINESS EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD
BARNEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
The Master of Science in Accounting and Taxation (MSAT) program is designed for those who seek to develop or advance a career in professional accounting or taxation in industry, public accounting, government, or not-for-profit organizations. The program of study meets the needs of students with undergraduate degrees in accounting who wish a fifth year of study to meet CPA licensing requirements, as well as those with non-accounting or nonbusiness undergraduate degrees. This program offers a traditional course format in the evening that can be done at your own pace. In addition, many of the required classes are taught online.

You can complete the MSAT program on a full- or part-time basis. The length of time to complete the program can be as little as 7 months and up to 5 years. You may adjust your schedule based on your needs; however, you are generally expected to complete the degree within 5 years of starting the program.

**MSAT PREREQUISITES**

Applicants must produce evidence of successful completion of two semesters of introductory accounting. Applicants without the introductory accounting courses will be required to take MBA 612 Accounting Concepts. In addition to the introductory accounting requirements, applicants must present evidence of the completion of the following basic accounting core courses that are traditionally taught as part of an undergraduate accounting major or equivalent:

- AC 320-322 Financial Reporting Theory I-II-III
- AC 332 Cost Management
- AC 425 Federal Income Tax Concepts
- AC 430 Auditing Concepts and Problems

Students without the prerequisites will complete the courses as part of the program. Undergraduate courses must be taken at an institution that grants a baccalaureate degree in accounting and is regionally accredited. Undergraduate courses will be billed at undergraduate rates. For 2015-16, the undergraduate rate is $1,560 per course.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

The following items are required:

- An online application at www.hartford.edu/grad-apply
- A non-refundable application fee of $50.00 for domestic applicants
- Official transcripts for all collegiate-level coursework
- A letter of intent as specified in the application form
- Two letters of recommendation
- Current résumé
- Official results of the GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test) forwarded to the University of Hartford using school code XBB-NR-73.
International students have the following additional requirements:

» Transcript evaluation as prepared by World Education Services WES (www.wes.org). The evaluation should at a minimum indicate that the student has completed the equivalent of a four-year bachelors degree at U.S. regionally accredited institution. The $50 application fee is waived to defray the cost of the evaluation.

» Official TOEFL iBT or IELTS scores forwarded to the University of Hartford using school code 3436. Applicants who take the TOEFL iBT are required to attain an overall score of 85, while scoring at least 20 in each of the four parts. Applicants who take the IELTS are required to attain an overall score of 7.0, while scoring at least 6.5 in each of the four sections.

» Guarantor’s Statement. The cost to study for one year (two semesters) within the University of Hartford’s MSAT Program is $24,860. This figure does include an estimate for living expenses. As part of the application, an international student MUST prove that he/she has this amount of money through a bank statement. This statement is also used to issue the student an I-20 form.

For both domestic and international applicants

The admission review committee will consider only complete applications. All application materials should be sent to the Graduate Office at the following address: Center for Adult and Graduate Academic Services, CC231; University of Hartford; 200 Bloomfield Avenue; West Hartford, CT 06117 USA.

GMAT INFORMATION

GMAT Waiver

GMAT waivers are available for applicants who meet any of the following criteria:

» Passed the CPA, CMA, or state bar exam

» Hold a master’s degree or higher in any discipline from an appropriately accredited institution

» Hold a degree from an AACSB school achieving at least a 3.5 GPA overall and in their major

Experienced-based GMAT waivers are granted only in exceptional cases to domestic applicants with 5-7 years of U.S.-based financial analytical experience above entry level. The experience-based waiver request will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

GMAT Testing

The GMAT examination uses a flexible schedule of test dates. Call test centers and arrange for individual computerized testing. Scores are available within a few weeks. GMAT scores are valid for 5 years. University of Hartford GMAT test code XBBNR 73. Visit: www.mba.com.
DEADLINES AND DATES
You can apply to matriculate in the Fall, Spring, or Summer semesters. Application and all material due dates are as follows:

**Domestic Applicants:**
Fall admission – August 1st
Spring admission – December 15th
Summer admission – April 15th

**International Applicants:**
Fall admission – June 1st
Spring admission – October 15th
Summer admission – February 15th

Admission decisions will be completed shortly after the application deadline. Applications submitted after the deadline will be considered for the next semester.

COSTS OF ATTENDANCE
The Barney School of Business charges a per-credit rate for tuition. The 2015-16 academic year tuition is $1,950 per course.

FINANCIAL AID
**Domestic Financial Aid**
Financial assistance for graduate and professional students through the Office of Admission and Student Financial Assistance at the University of Hartford is limited to the Federal Family Education Loan and supplemental loan programs. Students must meet all eligibility requirements as established by the U.S. Department of Education. The academic year includes summer, fall, and spring.

**There are three items that you must satisfy in order to be eligible for financial aid**
- Be matriculated into a graduate degree-granting program
- Be registered for at least 6 credits a semester-except summer term, which contains two six-week sessions. You may satisfy the 6-credit requirement during summer term by taking 6 credits during one session or by taking 3 credits each session.
- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the academic year and meet all eligibility requirements established by the U.S. Department of Education.

For more information, call 800.947.4303 or email: finaid@hartford.edu

**International Financial Aid:**
Financial aid for international graduate students is currently limited to graduate assistantships. These assistantships are administered by the individual departments throughout the University and vary in size and availability.

**Assistantships and Fellowships**
You are encouraged to contact the Office of the Dean you respective school or college at the University of Hartford regarding the availability of assistantships or fellowships your specific program of study. Please note; assistantships, fellowships; or other support you receive as a result of your enrollment may impact Federal Stafford Loan eligibility.

Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) is an honorary organization for students and professionals. BAP encourages and gives recognition to scholastic and professional excellence in the business information field. MSAT students who are in good standing are eligible to join after completing their first semester in the program.
The MSAT program offers two tracks each requiring 30 credits. The first track is designed for those students interested in careers in financial and assurance services. The courses in this track contain information of particular interest to the public financial reporting and assurance services functions. The second is the taxation track designed for those interested in a career in taxation. The courses in the tax track emphasize the taxation expertise needed to be a tax professional in public accounting as well as industry and government.

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**FINANCIAL AND ASSURANCE TRACK**

**Required Accounting Classes**
- AC 715 Financial Reporting and Analysis*
- AC 720 Advanced Auditing*
- AC 748 Seminar in Management Accounting Control Systems*
- AC 749 Seminar in Financial Reporting*
- AC 560 Taxation of Business Organizations*

**Open Business Electives [15 credits]**
- Any accounting, taxation, or business courses

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**TAXATION TRACK**

**Required Taxation Classes**
- AC 560 Taxation of Business Organizations*
- AC 774 Advanced Taxation of Pass-Through Entities*
- AC 776 Advanced Corporate Taxation*
- AC 783 Research in Taxation*
- AC 789 Seminar in Taxation*

**Open Business Electives [15 credits]**
- Selected accounting, taxation, or business courses

* Typically offered online once per year

Further Information
The Center for Graduate and Adult Academic Services is happy to provide more specific information about a degree program or answer any other questions you may have. Please contact the office at gradstudy@hartford.edu or by phone at 860.768.4371 or 800.945.0712.

For more information regarding the MSAT program, please contact Pamela Weaver DBA, CPA, program director, at pweaver@hartford.edu or 860.768.4363.

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Further Information

Our next open houses are:

**AUGUST 25, 2015**
**JANUARY 12, 2016**

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