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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING AND TAXATION

BARNEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS



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OVERVIEW

The MSAT program is designed for students 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, as well as those students with non-accounting or non-business undergraduate degrees. Graduates of the program are qualified to take the CPA and CMA examinations. This program offers a traditional course format in the evening that can be done at one's own pace. It also offers an accelerated format, which allows a student with an undergraduate degree in accounting to earn a master's degree in as little as seven months.

The MSAT program may be completed on a full- or part-time basis.

SPECIAL ACCREDITATION

The Barney School of Business is internationally accredited by AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Accreditation is awarded based on achieving high quality standards in faculty, curricula, library and computer resources, and intellectual climate. At this time, only 560 colleges worldwide have the distinction of AACSB accreditation.



The Barney School of Business distinguishes itself through our Career-Focused Business Education program. We prepare students to be successful business leaders and apply their knowledge in their field. In addition to classroom knowledge, we have distinct programs for undergraduates, graduates and executive students. The programs include workshops, networking opportunities, speaker series, and mentoring opportunities.



MSAT REQUIREMENTS

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 or equivalent:

- AC 320-321 Financial Reporting Theory I-II
- AC 325 Accounting Information Systems
- 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 will be billed at undergraduate rates which do not include book and fees.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The admissions 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.

The following items are required:

- An application
- A non-refundable application fee of \$45.00 for domestic applicants (checks payable to the University of Hartford)
- Official transcripts for all collegiate level coursework forwarded to the University of Hartford
- A letter of intent as specified in the application form
- 2 letters of recommendation
- Degree selection sheet
- Current resume
- 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 \$45 application fee is waived to defray the cost of the evaluation.
- Official TOEFL score forwarded to the University of Hartford using school code 3436. The MSAT requires a score of at least an 80 iBT – minimum scores of 20 in reading, writing, listening and speaking. For information on the TOEFL, visit www.ets.org.
- Guarantor's Statement. The cost to study for one year (2 semesters) within the University of Hartford's MSAT Program is \$23,177. 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.

GMAT INFORMATION

GMAT Waiver

The GMAT requirement is waived for candidates who have passed the CPA, CMA, CFA, or CA examinations, or the bar examination. Applicants who hold a U.S. master's degree or equivalent from an appropriately accredited institution are exempt from taking the GMAT. An experience based waiver for the GMAT is granted only in exceptional circumstances.

