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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](http://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](http://www.ets.org).
- Guarantor's Statement. The cost to study for one year (2 semesters) within the University of Hartford's MSAT Program is \$23,537. 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.



### GMAT Testing

The GMAT examination uses a flexible schedule of test dates. Students may call test centers and arrange for individual computerized testing. Scores are available within a few weeks. GMAT scores are valid for five years. University of Hartford GMAT test code XBBNR73. Visit: [www.mba.com](http://www.mba.com).

### DEADLINES AND DATES

Students can apply to matriculate in the Fall, Spring, or Summer semesters. Application and all material due dates are as follows:

#### Domestic Applicants:

Fall admission – July 1st  
Spring admission – November 15th  
Summer admission – March 15th

#### International Applicants:

Fall admission – May 1st  
Spring admission – September 15th  
Summer admission – January 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. The 2009-2010 academic year per-credit rate is \$625 per credit hour. This fee includes textbooks and fees. Books are distributed the first night of class. International students who hold F-1 visas are required to attend as full-time students (minimum of 9 credits). The 2009 - 2010 academic year full-time tuition and fees for international graduate students in MSAT program is \$12,120 per year. This is estimated and based on the minimum full-time cost for tuition and fees for the fall and spring semesters or a total of six courses.

### 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 which students 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 2 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 e-mail: [finaid@hartford.edu](mailto: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:

Students are encouraged to contact the Office of the Dean of their respective school or college at the University of Hartford regarding the availability of assistantships or fellowships in their specific program of study. Please note, assistantships, fellowships or other support a student receives as a result of their enrollment may impact Federal Stafford Loan eligibility.

Our graduate programs were designed with working professionals in mind. Textbooks and university fees are included in the per course tuition. Textbooks will be distributed on the first night of class.

Faculty advisors from each department are on hand each evening during the first week to assist students.

# PROGRAMS OF STUDY

The MSAT program offers two tracks each requiring 30 credits. The first track is designed for those students who are interested in careers in Financial and Assurance Services. The courses in this track contain information that is of particular interest to the public financial reporting and assurance services functions. The second is the Taxation Track.

## FINANCIAL AND ASSURANCE SERVICE TRACK

### Accounting Courses [5 courses]

- AC 760 Taxation of Business Organizations
- AC 715 Financial Reporting and Analysis
- AC 720 Advanced Auditing
- AC 748 Seminar in Management Accounting Control Systems
- AC 749 Seminar in Financial Reporting

### Open Electives [2 courses] Accounting or non-accounting electives

### Non-Accounting Courses [3 courses]

- MGT 701 Managerial Skills
- 2 Non-Accounting Electives

## TAXATION TRACK

### Taxation Courses [5 courses]

- AC 760 Taxation of Business Organizations
- AC 774 Adv. Taxation of Pass-Through Entities
- AC 776 Adv. Corporate Taxation
- AC 789 Seminar in Taxation
- 1 Taxation Elective

### Open Electives [2 courses]: Taxation or non-taxation electives

### Non-Accounting/Taxation Courses [3 courses]

- MGT 701 Managerial Skills
- 2 Non-Accounting Electives

## 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](mailto:GradStudy@hartford.edu) or by phone at 860.768.4371 or 800.945.0712.

For more specific information regarding the MSAT program, please contact Dr. Carl Smith, Graduate Program Director, MSAT, Barney School of Business at 860.768.4343 or [msat@hartford.edu](mailto:msat@hartford.edu)

We encourage you to explore our website at [www.hartford.edu/graduate](http://www.hartford.edu/graduate) as you investigate your educational goals.

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**JANUARY 12, 2010**

**AUGUST 24, 2010**

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