

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING

**BOSTON
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Today's accounting professionals do more than just prepare financial statements and tax returns.

They develop information systems, help formulate business strategy, calculate the costs and benefits of adopting new technologies, and advise corporate leaders on business issues ranging from operational controls to international tax minimization strategies to mergers and acquisitions.



Master of Science in Accounting

The MSA Program at Boston College's Carroll School of Management teaches the technical aspects of accounting, cultivates students' analytical abilities, and promotes an in-depth understanding of the role of accounting in the world at large.

Students at the Carroll School have remarkable access to some of the finest teachers and researchers in the world. Our faculty members contribute to leading management journals and publications and are dedicated to skillfully educating students as well as to pursuing their own research initiatives. MSA classes are small, fostering a strong sense of community and collegiality.

The *Public Accounting Report* has consistently ranked the Carroll School's MSA Program among the top graduate programs in accounting, and our students regularly outperform the CPA exam national average. Whatever the future holds for the field of accounting, an MSA degree from Boston College provides a strong foundation for a thriving career.



Amy P. Hutton

Professor, Accounting Department

"Today's evolving economy presents a rare opportunity for students to think about what investors need to know about a particular business. In class, we can explore effective ways to communicate the key drivers of value creation for that business model and industry.

When I'm working with data, I try to understand what's going on econometrically—but ideas come alive when I'm talking with and learning from students.

My primary goal is to help students develop the strategic perspective and technical accounting skills they'll need to navigate the complex challenges of financial reporting and disclosure practices in the twenty-first century."

Amy Hutton has served on the U.S. Congressional Review Board of the Financial Services Industry's Best Practices for Equity Research and as a corporate director of Bandag, Inc., a Fortune 1500 company. In 2009, she won the American Accounting Association's Distinguished Contribution to Accounting Literature Award for her "Groundbreaking Research." Her research focuses on effective corporate disclosure strategies, compliance with the 2002 Sarbanes-Oxley Act, and other areas.

MSA Program Details

The full-time MSA Program offers a flexible curriculum that is tailored to the academic background of each student.

Students who majored in accounting at the undergraduate level may begin the program in either June or September. Students who start in June typically complete their studies over one summer and two academic semesters, while students who begin in September complete the program over one fall and one spring semester, and one summer session.

Undergraduate students and working professionals whose degrees are not in accounting begin the MSA Program in June. Students matriculate through one summer and two academic semesters, typically completing between 10 and 14 courses. Required coursework is determined by faculty through the review of a student's academic transcripts.

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MSA CURRICULUM

UNDERGRADUATE ACCOUNTING MAJORS

CORE COURSES	CREDITS
Taxes and Management Decisions	3
Financial Statement Analysis	3
Strategic Cost and Profitability Analysis	3
Assurance and Consulting Services	3
ELECTIVES	CREDITS
Accounting electives	6
Non-accounting electives	12
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS/COURSES*	30/10

NON-ACCOUNTING UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

BUSINESS COURSES	CREDITS
Economics/Micro-Economics	3
Financial Management	3
Statistics	3
Business Law (U.S. based)	3
ACCOUNTING COURSES	CREDITS
Accounting Information Systems	3
Financial Accounting Practice I	3
Financial Accounting Practice II	3
Internal Cost Management and Control	3
Federal Taxation (U.S. based)	3
Financial Auditing (U.S. based)	3
CORE COURSES	CREDITS
Taxes and Management Decisions	3
Financial Statement Analysis	3
Strategic Cost and Profitability Analysis	3
Assurance and Consulting Services	3
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS/COURSES**	42/14

* Students must take at least two accounting-related electives.

** Students may reduce the total number of courses required if any of the above-listed foundation courses are completed before matriculation into the MSA Program.

APPLIED LEARNING

Experiential learning is an integral part of the curriculum for MSA students at Boston College.

For instance, the Carroll School offers several off-campus opportunities for graduate students to learn directly from industry professionals. Our TechTrek course features visits to Silicon Valley, Seattle, and New York City, where students tour some of the nation's hottest tech firms and meet with venture capitalists, CEOs, and entrepreneurs. The Warren Buffet & Berkshire Hathaway Field Experience takes students to Omaha, where they meet with billionaire investor Warren Buffett. The International Management Experience culminates in an international trip to interact with business leaders and government officials. And in the International Consulting Project, students travel to countries such as China or Peru to work with clients on specific business challenges.

Graduate students at the Carroll School fulfill the University's tradition of service by serving as mentors, role models, or tutors in underserved communities, or by providing pro bono professional services to local nonprofit organizations. Numerous student clubs, including the Graduate Management Association and the Graduate Accounting Association, provide additional opportunities for students to gain significant leadership experience as well as to develop their personal and professional interests.

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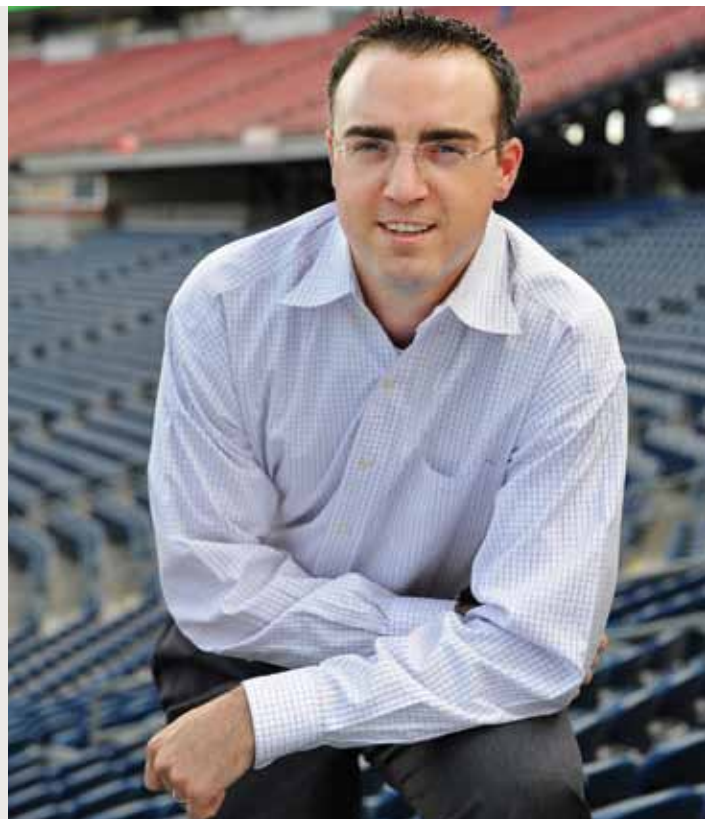
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Andrew Cobb, MSA '07

Senior Accountant, The Kraft Group

"As I finished my undergraduate co-op program at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) through Northeastern University, I realized that an MSA degree would further enhance my technical skills and propel me to the next level in the public accounting field.

At PwC, the senior executives had high regard for the MSA Program at Boston College. Although the flexibility and reputation of the program were enough for me to enroll, the experience itself was tremendously rewarding. Not only did I learn the mechanics of accounting, but I also developed a deeper knowledge of the foundational elements.

Of all my classes at BC, personal wealth planning gave me the biggest career advantage. It led to my job in the Private Company Services tax group at PwC and to my current position within the family office at The Kraft Group.

I was looking for an edge, and I succeeded by adding a BC education to my résumé. The Boston College network extends across New England and around the globe—and that was another reason I chose to pursue my MSA at Boston College."

Careers and the Alumni Network

MSA students at the Carroll School typically go on to jobs at public accounting firms. Recent MSA graduates have accepted positions at all of the Big Four accounting firms—Deloitte, KPMG, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Ernst & Young—as well as Grant Thornton and Braver, PC. The Office of Career Strategies works closely with MSA candidates to craft résumés and cover letters, as well as to enhance their interviewing skills. Students access job postings through BC's online system, and the University Career Center coordinates on-campus interviews with a variety of firms.

Graduates of the MSA Program join a loyal and influential alumni network. Today, the Boston College alumni community encompasses more than 156,000 individuals all over the world, including more than 34,000 graduates of the Carroll School.

MSA FALL CLASS OF 2012 PROFILE

ACADEMIC PROFILE

Average GMAT	651
Average GRE	1295
Average Undergraduate GPA	3.51

CLASS COMPOSITION

Average age	23
Age range	21–39
AHANA (African American, Hispanic, Asian American, and Native American)	14%
Women	44%
International students	35%

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

Accounting	60%
Business/Commerce	10%
Economics	10%
Engineering	1%
Finance	10%
Humanities/Social Sciences	7%
Math	1%
Other	1%

MSA JOB PLACEMENT DATA (2009–2011)

POSITIONS

Tax
Audit
Accounting

COMPENSATION

Eighty percent of salaries fall between **\$52,000** and **\$57,000**.

REPRESENTATIVE LIST OF HIRING COMPANIES

Argy, Wiltse & Robinson, PC
Braver, PC
Deloitte
Dixon Hughes Goodman
Ernst & Young
Grant Thornton, LLP
J.H. Cohn, LLP
KPMG
Liberty Mutual
McGladrey
PricewaterhouseCoopers
Rothstein Kass
UHY Advisors
Wolf & Company

All data as of July 15, 2011

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Admission

The Boston College MSA Program seeks students with outstanding potential for leadership and academic excellence. While notable for the diversity of their individual achievements, our students all present a consistent record of taking initiative, leading change, and demonstrating a desire to make an impact in the world.

HOW TO APPLY

Each candidate must complete an application for admission, which includes transcripts of all academic work, two essays, and two letters of recommendation. Demonstrated leadership experience as well as evidence of management potential are significant criteria in the admissions process.

All applicants are required to take the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) or the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

Applicants whose native language is not English must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the Pearson Test of English (PTE). All candidates must be graduates of accredited colleges or universities.

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