Master of Science

Accountancy

Benedictine University
Evening M.S. in Accountancy Program

Benedictine University’s evening M.S. in Accountancy program is designed for working adults who have a business-related undergraduate degree but limited coursework or experience in accounting. Evening classes are ideal for those who seek flexibility in their course schedules and plan to register as a part-time student. Students usually complete one or two courses per 10-week quarter. Classes are conducted one evening per week, per class on the main campus in Lisle. The M.S. in Accountancy program may accept graduate coursework completed at another institution. An additional 16 quarter credit hours may be waived for prior undergraduate coursework taken within the last seven years, pending department chair approval.* This means that you may potentially complete your degree in as little as one year.

4+1 M.S. in Accountancy Program

The 4+1 M.S. in Accountancy program is developed specifically for recent Benedictine graduates who have completed their undergraduate degree in Accounting or Finance. Qualified students may be eligible to complete the M.S. degree in Accountancy with one additional year of graduate study. Classes are conducted in evenings to meet the needs of students. Admittance to the program is not automatic and an application must be completed during the student’s senior year of undergraduate work.

Dual Degree Programs

The dual degree programs combine the comprehensive accounting core of the M.S. in Accountancy program with the competencies of business management (Master of Business Administration), information systems (Master of Science in Management Information Systems) or business analytics (Master of Science in Business Analytics). Students enrolling in the dual degree program can develop powerful credentials and specialized expertise enabling them to successfully meet the challenges of today’s marketplace. The dual degree program can be completed in 36 months or less. Dual degree programs consist of 96 quarter credit hours for completion. Application and admission is required for each graduate program, and students must complete all requirements for the selected dual degree.

* Combination of graduate credit transfer and undergraduate course waiver cannot exceed 32 quarter credit hours.

Note:
Students planning to sit for a professional examination are responsible for contacting the specific association administering the exam to determine eligibility and exam requirements.
The Master of Science in Accountancy program requires 64 quarter credit hours of graduate coursework. The program consists of four major components:

**Managerial Competency**
Four courses focused on management skills and knowledge necessary for students seeking managerial positions in accounting:
- MSA 510  Economics (4)
- MSA 520  Leadership and Business Ethics in the Global Environment (4)
- MSA 530  Organizational Behavior (4)
- or
- MBA 633  Legal Issues in the Workplace (4)
- MSA 611  Managerial Economics (4)

**Core Accounting Competency**
Five courses focused on U.S. accounting standards:
- MSA 500  Financial Accounting (4)
- MSA 504  Corporate Accounting Theory and Practice I (4)
- MSA 513  Auditing Theory and Practice (4)
- MSA 515  Advance Accounting
- MSA 601  Managerial Accounting (4)

**Advanced Accounting Topics**
Four courses focused on in-depth concepts, theories and issues in accounting:
- MSA 506  Corporate Accounting Theory and Practice II (4)
- MSA 603  Cost Analysis, Profit Planning and Control (4)
- MSA 604  Theory and Practice of Financial Reporting (4)
- MSA 605  Tax Influences on Decision-Making (4)

**Electives**
Twelve quarter credit hours of electives are required for completion of the degree.

Electives should be chosen to advance individual professional development and career goals.

**Concentrations**

**Auditing**
Students must complete three of these courses to qualify for a concentration in Auditing:
- MSA 614  Auditing and Assurance I
- MSA 615  Auditing and Assurance II
- MSA 616  Information System Auditing
- MSA 617  Internal Auditing

**Forensic Accounting**
Students must complete three of these courses to qualify for a concentration in Forensic Accounting:
- MSA 606  Forensic Accounting
- MSA 607  Fraud Examination
- MSA 608  Fraud and the Legal Environment
- MSA 609  Computer Fraud

**Taxation**
Students must complete the following courses:
- MSA 623  Taxation of Corporations and Shareholders
- MSA 624  Federal Tax Research
- MSA 625  Federal Taxation of Partnerships

**Note:**
Those planning to sit for the CPA examination may need to take additional coursework in business law, accounting research and business communications.
Benedictine University is located in Lisle, Illinois, just 25 miles west of Chicago, and has branch campuses in Springfield, Illinois, and Mesa, Arizona. Founded as a Catholic university in 1887, Benedictine enrolls 10,058 students in 56 undergraduate and 20 graduate programs.

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For more information, call the Enrollment Center at (630) 829-6300, email admissions@ben.edu or visit ben.edu.

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