

# PROFESSIONAL TAXATION (M.S.)

An emphasis on "soft" skills translates into a very solid advantage.

Effective communication. Creative problem-solving. Strategic vision. At the Gabelli School, we believe it takes a lot more than technical prowess to excel in taxation. We teach our students how to become respected leaders in a corporate setting, preparing them for a more challenging and rewarding career trajectory.

Taught by working professionals in the taxation field, the Master of Science in Professional Taxation (M.S.T.) curriculum emphasizes up-to-the-minute tax law and trends, giving students experience solving real-world challenges. The 10-course, 30-credit program consists of six required taxation courses and four tax/accounting electives. If you choose the full-time, three-term structure, the curriculum can be completed in just 12 months. You can also select electives in areas such as corporate tax, international tax, small business tax, estate tax, or gift tax, that may be relevant to your interests.

The M.S.T. has two schedule choices, a one-year, full-time program, or a part-time program spread over a longer time frame, such as two years –ideal for professionals who don't want to leave their jobs while they pursue the degree.

## CPA Certification Disclosure

The M.S. in Professional Taxation does not meet the educational requirements for Certified Public Accountant (CPA) licensure alone in any State, but may supplement an undergraduate degree in public accounting to meet the CPA licensure educational requirements of your licensure State of interest. Requirements for the CPA license are subject to State-specific requirements and typically require more than successful completion of educational requirements. CPA licensure candidates must satisfy pertinent additional requirements, contingent on State specificities, including but not limited to completing the CPA application process, submitting payment for all relative fees, passing licensure examinations, and professional experience.

Because undergraduate accounting programs vary, please visit the National Association of State Boards of Accounting website (<https://nasba.org/>) to make certain this holds true for your specific bachelor's degree.

To learn more about the M.S. in Professional Taxation, visit the Fordham website.

## CIP Code

52.1601 - Taxation.

You can use the CIP code to learn more about career paths associated with this field of study and, for international students, possible post-graduation visa extensions. Learn more about CIP codes and other information resources.

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## Prerequisites

Degree candidates who have not had any professional training or academic coursework using basic U.S. tax concepts (for example, those who have not taken an U.S. Internal Revenue-based tax course in their undergraduate studies) will have the opportunity to take ACGB 7184 Individual and Business Entity Taxation for 3 credits, as a prerequisite.

Depending on past professional training or academic coursework, the following prerequisite courses may also be required:

- ACGB 6111 Financial Accounting & Reporting Data Analysis
- ACGB 7155 Managerial Accounting Analysis
- ACGB 7105 Intermediate Financial Accounting I
- ACGB 7171 Assurance and Audit
- ACGB 7120 Intermediate Financial Accounting II
- ACGB 7184 Individual and Business Entity Taxation

These courses should be taken, as needed, during the first semester. Though this increases the number of credits and courses required for the M.S. degree, these courses add significant value.

## Curriculum

Course	Title	Credits
TXGB 7001	Corporate Taxation	3
TXGB 7015	Partnerships	3
TXGB 7020	Tax Planning for Individuals	3
TXGB 7045	International Tax and Accounting	3
TXGB 7076	Tax Accounting	3
TXGB 7081	IT and Data Analytics for Taxation	3
Four Taxation/Accounting elective courses <sup>1</sup>		12
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>30</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students can choose any tax course related to their interests, or any advanced-level accounting course except for ACGB 6111, ACGB 7105, and ACGB 7184. Having the option to pursue specific interests through electives is a feature that sets the Gabelli School's M.S.T. program apart. ACGB 719P Professional Practice Research Seminar may be selected as an elective.