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

The degree can also supplement an undergraduate degree in public accounting, offering an edge over your less specialized peers and helping you to meet the credit requirement to sit for the New York State Certified Public Accountant (CPA) examination. (Visit the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy website to see if the M.S.T., combined with your baccalaureate degree, would satisfy the New York State CPA requirements.)

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

Requirements

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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 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.

Advanced Corporate Communications, each for 1.5 credits, also as a prerequisite.

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

- ACGB 6111 Fundamentals of Accounting I
- ACGB 7155 Managerial Accounting Analysis
- ACGB 7105 Financial Accounting
- ACGB 7171 Auditing of Accounting Systems I
- ACGB 7120 Ext Finl Info & Rptg
- ACGB 7184 Individual and Business Entity Taxation

These 3 credit and 1.5 credit 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

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Four Taxation/Accounting electives courses 1 12

Total Credits 30

1 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.

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