



MERRIMACK COLLEGE

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING

GIRARD SCHOOL OF BUSINESS



MEET OUR ALUMNI

Patrick Frazier '16, M'17

Master of Science in Accounting



"I most value the professors' commitment to their students. At the graduate level, many of the professors would relate their industry expertise to what we were learning in class. They shared relevant industry topics and challenges that they themselves faced in their day-to-day work. These professors were driven in educating their students—something that my fellow classmates and I really appreciated."

Kyle Martin '16, M'17

Master of Science in Accounting



"The one-year MSA program helped me meet the required credits needed to prepare for and eventually obtain my CPA license. The smaller class sizes enabled me to build relationships with the professors and fellow students. Taking courses in the evening, combined with studying for the CPA, really allowed me to better manage my time."

Keaira "Key" Perry '14, M'15

Master of Science in Accounting



"I needed an MSA to enhance my skills and keep my resume well-rounded and competitive in today's job market. The MSA opens the door to a variety of flexible career options and certifications in the Accounting field. There are many professional certifications I can pursue. I also liked the one-year format which would allow me to complete the degree while working full-time."



The Master of Science in Accounting is focused on developing proficient accountants who have a solid foundation in accounting's best practices. The program combines accounting practices with a complementary set of graduate management courses designed to prepare early career professionals to be effective managers.

With its combination of accounting and managerial curriculum, the master's provides a pathway for you to obtain the additional semester hours required to become a certified public accountant (CPA).



PROGRAM FORMAT

- Accelerated one-year, full-time format or part-time format to work at your own pace
- Evening classes for added flexibility if you work or intern during the day
- Terms starting in fall, spring, and summer
- Online application with rolling admission

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Our graduate programs are designed to help you reach your ultimate goal—whether it's improving your professional status, obtaining a promotion, or shifting into a more enriching, high growth field.

As a Merrimack graduate student, you can take advantage of a wide range of career planning resources and services. You will have the opportunity to participate in internships and other field based experiences to help you gain relevant work experience, apply your classroom skills in real-world settings, test drive different career options, and identify your own personal strengths and areas for career growth.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

The Master of Science in Accounting program in the Girard School of Business offers a limited number of graduate assistantships which link graduate study with earning and work experience. Students who are admitted into the MSA program for the fall term may apply. In addition to earning an hourly-rate salary, Graduate Assistants receive scholarships covering up to half the tuition costs. The program helps to enhance academic study as well as professional development.

FINANCIAL AID

Merit scholarships are available and awarded based on the overall strength of your application materials. No additional requirements are needed to apply for a scholarship. Graduate students enrolled at least half-time (a minimum of four credits per semester) may qualify for financial aid in the form of Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans. For additional information, visit www.merrimack.edu/financialaid.



DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The program combines required foundational courses with electives for a total of 32 credits.

- Professional Ethics
- Financial Reporting and Statement Analysis
- Taxation of Business Entities
- Assurance Services
- Marketing Analysis and Decision Making
- Professional Skills
- Effective Managerial Communication
- Competition, Innovation and Strategic Advantage

ELECTIVES

Students select two courses:

- Accounting Information Systems
- Not-for-Profit and Government Accounting
- Estate and Gift Taxation
- International Accounting
- Business Law
- Business Internship

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants to the Master of Science in Accounting require an undergraduate accounting background (either as an undergraduate accounting major or having earned a minimum of 15 credits in accounting) including the following courses:

- Accounting for Business
- Intermediate Accounting I
- Intermediate Accounting II
- Cost Accounting
- Taxes

Applicants whose first language is not English and who have not earned an academic degree in the U.S. must submit proof of English proficiency demonstrated in any of the following ways:

- A minimum TOEFL score of 84 on the internet-based test-iBT (with a minimum of 21 on the writing subset)
- A minimum IELTS score of 6.5 with no band below 6.0
- A minimum PTE Academic score of 56
- Students whose TOEFL iBT score is at least 55 but lower than 84 can still enter, but will have a longer course of study by enrolling in the pre-master's program.



MERRIMACK COLLEGE

315 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA 01845

Merrimack College is a selective, independent college in the Catholic, Augustinian tradition whose mission is to enlighten minds, engage hearts and empower lives. The College offers undergraduate degrees in the liberal arts, business, science and engineering, and education programs; it also offers master's programs and part-time degree completion programs.

At Merrimack, we live the Augustinian values of hospitality, truth, and social justice. By working together for the greater good, our students, alumni, and faculty have made a measurable impact on our community and our world. We believe there are many paths to success. That's why we empower our students to choose their own direction—and then give them the support they need to excel. By understanding their unique needs, interests, and aspirations, we enable them to grow intellectually, spiritually, and socially.

The Girard School of Business A dynamic center of study and collaboration, the Girard School of Business develops professionals who think critically, communicate effectively, and excel in productive roles in the community and the globally competitive marketplace. Our experienced faculty brings international industry and academic experience into the classroom. Dedicated to developing the next generation of business leaders, faculty members mentor tomorrow's leaders.

The Girard School of Business offers the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration program with concentrations in accounting, finance, marketing, management, international business, sport management and human resource management. In addition the school offers graduate programs, with an emphasis on creative problem-solving skills, integrity and responsibility, and a global perspective, all essential for personal and professional success in today's rapidly changing business environment.

The Girard School was established in 2000 thanks in part to a generous gift from Merrimack alumnus Francis E. Girard '62, telecommunications visionary and CEO of Comverse Network Systems.

FOR QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT

Office of Graduate Studies

graduate@merrimack.edu

978-837-3563

www.merrimack.edu/graduate