Ranked as one of the top graduate tax programs in the U.S., the Master of Science in Taxation (MST) emphasizes critical thinking and practical skills that prepare you for employment in international accounting firms, corporate tax departments, wealth management firms, and local and regional accounting firms.

Bentley’s MST is taught by experienced tax practitioners who bring real-world situations into the classroom. Our faculty includes current and former Big Four partners and corporate tax department vice presidents, and our curriculum uses the latest learning technologies, offering you the flexibility to attend courses online or on campus.

**Overview**

- Research and analyze complicated fact patterns.
- Learn to develop and implement successful tax strategies.
- Communicate findings to tax and business professionals.
- Question and assess ethical responsibility.
- Work toward the 150-academic-credit-hour requirement for licensing as a certified public accountant (CPA) in many states, including Massachusetts.
- Learn on campus or online. All courses in the MST program use the latest technologies for online learning so students have the option of attending class on campus or from their home or office. Courses take place simultaneously, which fosters discussion among all students and professors.
- Expand your career options. The MST prepares you for careers at international accounting firms, corporate tax departments, wealth management firms and regional and local firms.

**EXPANDING EXPERTISE**

**Luigisa Rosa**
Tax Associate
PwC

My motivation for pursuing a graduate degree in taxation was to deepen my expertise and navigate the complexity of our taxation system to better serve my clients.

Bentley’s AACSB accreditation, highly qualified faculty with experience working at or retired from the Big Four, and recognition as a top business school were key factors in my decision to enroll. There’s a competitive advantage with all the resources and technology available to maximize the learning experience. I was also awarded an academic achievement scholarship.

As a fully virtual student living almost two hours away from campus, I primarily participated online but I didn’t feel isolated at all. And having the MST designation after my name increases my confidence and positions me well to serve clients better and contributes to the success of my employer.
Curriculum
The MST program has a 10-course, 30-credit minimum requirement for degree completion consisting of five core courses and five selected electives.

Core
Five required courses.
- TX 600 Professional Tax Practice
- TX 601 Federal Taxation of Income
- TX 602 Transactions
- TX 603 Corporations and Shareholders
- TX 604 Multi-Jurisdictional Taxation

Electives
Select five taxation courses from the list below or any other graduate courses at the 600 level or higher.
- TX 704 Federal Taxation of Income from Trusts and Estates
- TX 707 Pass-Through Entities and Closely Held Businesses
- TX 711 Mergers and Acquisitions
- TX 731 Investment Companies and Other Financial Products
- TX 732 Intellectual Properties
- TX 733 Tax Aspects of Buying and Selling a Business
- TX 741 Tax Accounting Problems
- TX 761 State and Local Tax Practice
- TX 771 International Tax Practice
- TX 781 Internship in Tax Practice