

# Master of Science in Accountancy

Bentley is a longstanding, recognized leader in accounting education. The Master of Science in Accountancy (MSA) was the first such program in Massachusetts to gain the prestigious separate accountancy accreditation from AACSB International — the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

Here, you'll think beyond the numbers, discovering new ways to meet the accounting problems of tomorrow, developing specialties in areas you're passionate about, and learning to better communicate and integrate technology throughout all levels of an organization.

## Program Features

- Up-to-date, high-quality education in the major areas of accounting: financial, managerial and tax accounting, auditing, and accounting information systems.
- Opportunities for students to learn from and interact with professionals working in the field.
- Scheduling flexibility that includes full-time and part-time study, and the opportunity to take some courses online.
- Use your MSA to work toward the education requirements for the CPA licensing.

## Experiential Learning

Today's competitive marketplace demands that accountants take on nontraditional roles such as technology expert, management consultant and financial planner. To meet these new challenges, you need to develop specialties and learn to integrate technology at all levels of an organization. MSA candidates at Bentley develop these value-added skills in the Howard A. Winer '58 Learning Lab for Economics, Accounting and Finance (LEAF). You'll get direct experience with the hardware, software, and other applications that deliver up-to-the-minute information for business decision-making.

## Career Outcomes

With a Bentley MSA, you'll gain the expertise and broad perspective to prepare you for exciting careers such as an accountant in analytics, forensics, fraud, and mergers and acquisitions.

- Financial officer
- Audit associate
- Tax consultant
- Hedge fund accountant
- Senior analyst



# “My Bentley MSA opened many doors for me.”

**Jelena Majkic**

Senior Associate, Forensics  
Pricewaterhouse Coopers



## Curriculum

The MSA is a specialized degree customized for each student. The program comprises four accountancy core courses, two accountancy electives, and up to four unrestricted electives, depending on the student's background. An evaluation of each student's background is part of the admission process. Foundation and core courses are available in a hybrid format.

### Foundation (3 courses)

**All applicants will be evaluated for foundation waivers.**

**GR 521** Managerial Statistics

**GR 522** Economic Environment of the Firm

**GR 525** Financial Statement Analysis for Decision-Making

### Preparation in Accountancy (3 courses)

**All applicants will be evaluated for preparation substitutions.**

**AC 611** Financial Accounting Problems I

**AC 612** Financial Accounting Problems II

**AC 621** Cost Accounting

### Core (4 courses)

**AC 730** Business Process and Systems Assessment

**AC 741** Financial Statement Auditing

**AC 750** Federal Income Taxation

**AC 793** Professional Accounting Research and Policy

### Accountancy Electives (3 courses)

**Choose two from the list below. The remaining elective can be from this list or any other graduate-level course at the 600 level or above.**

**AC 701** Internship in Accounting Practice

**AC 714** Business Reporting and Analysis

**AC 742** IT Auditing

**AC 744** Internal Auditing

**AC 753** Tax Factors in Business Decisions

**AC 771** Governmental Accounting, Reporting and Auditing

**AC 772** Principles of Fraud Investigation

**AC 773** Fraud and Forensic Accounting

### Unrestricted Electives (up to 4 courses)

Students without the appropriate background must use up to three unrestricted electives to meet the accountancy preparation requirement. Remaining unrestricted electives may be chosen according to the student's interest.

For complete degree requirements and most up-to-date course options, visit [bentley.edu/graduate](https://bentley.edu/graduate).

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