

# Master of Science in Accounting



GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

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## Master the world of accounting.

A recent survey conducted by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) found that “opportunities in the accounting profession continue to expand as the needs of firms and businesses grow ever more complex and global.” In fact, the *Occupational Outlook Handbook* estimates a 22% growth in accounting and auditing jobs through 2018. Graduates with a master’s degree—and CPA certification—have the brightest outlook of all.

Originally required only of independent accountants and auditors, the CPA designation has become the gold standard of the profession and an essential certification for accountants across the business spectrum. Clark’s MSA program satisfies the 150 credit-hour requirement and prepares you to sit for the CPA exam in Massachusetts and many other states.

As countries throughout the world work to create a single accounting standard, Clark is committed to instilling strong ethical business practices in MSA graduates to ensure that accounting rules and regulations are completely understood and strictly adhered to across countries and jurisdictions. Clark MSA graduates are trained and fully prepared to take on increasingly complex responsibilities in today’s global economy.



## PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- 10 courses
- 7 prerequisite courses for those without an accounting degree from the U.S.
- Prerequisite courses may be taken at Clark while enrolled in the MSA program.
- Evening classes meet once a week from 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- Full-time students typically complete the program in 4 semesters or less, depending upon the number of prerequisite courses required.
- Part-time students typically complete the program in 8 semesters or less, depending upon the number of prerequisite courses required.
- Fall (September) or Spring (January) admission
- Classes in Worcester and Southborough

### Core Courses

- Financial and Operational Auditing
- Nonprofit Accounting
- Advanced Accounting
- Accounting Information Systems
- Tax Strategies and Management Decisions

### Elective Courses (choose five)

- Analysis of Financial Statements
- Advanced Management Accounting
- Business Analysis and Valuation
- Case Studies in Corporate Finance
- Case Studies in International Finance
- Legal Aspects of Corporate Finance
- Stock and Bond Valuation

### Prerequisite Courses

- Foundations of Accounting
- Financial Accounting and Reporting I
- Financial Accounting and Reporting II
- Management Accounting
- Finance (one course)
- Statistics (one course)
- Economics or operations management (one course)

## The Graduate School of Management

The Graduate School of Management is accredited by AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. AACSB Accreditation represents the highest standard of achievement for an educational institution and its college of business. Less than 5% of business schools worldwide have earned this distinguished hallmark of excellence in management.

Preparing for a career in business requires attending a business school with engaged faculty, impactful research, relevant and challenging curricula, and the highest standards of quality. AACSB-accredited schools are committed to delivering the best business education and preparing their graduates to excel. AACSB Accreditation is a guarantee that students will receive everything that they need from a business school – relevant knowledge, useful skills, access to employers, challenging courses, and a wealth of resources to help them succeed.

### Clark University

Since its founding in 1887, Clark University has a history of challenging convention. As an innovative liberal arts college and research university, Clark's world-class faculty leads a community of creative thinkers and passionate doers and offers a range of expertise. Clark is nationally recognized in the areas of psychology, geography, management, urban education, Holocaust and genocide studies, environmental studies, and international development and social change. Clark's students, faculty and alumni embody the Clark motto: Challenge convention. Change our world.

### Admission and Scholarships

We encourage applications from candidates with a variety of educational backgrounds including business, the liberal arts, sciences and social sciences. We are committed to enrolling talented students, and offer merit-based scholarships to full-time and part-time MSA applicants with exceptional academic and professional accomplishments.

### Application Requirements and Deadlines

For application requirements and deadlines, please visit the MSA website at [www.clarku.edu/gsom](http://www.clarku.edu/gsom). New students are admitted in the Fall (September) and Spring (January) semesters.

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