

# MS in Accounting/ MBA Program

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YOUR NEW  
CAREER  
STARTS HERE.



**N** Northeastern University  
D'Amore-McKim School of Business

Joshua Rouse, MS in Accounting/MBA '17

# Discover a New Path

Accounting has evolved far beyond spreadsheets and number-crunching. As a future leader in today's accounting industry, you'll drive business decisions based on gathering and analyzing data from disparate sources. You'll innovate and explore new ways to incorporate technology into your work. You'll also build productive relationships with diverse clients all over the world.

To succeed—especially in our changing global economy—you'll need an agile mindset, a spirit of curiosity, and a suite of business and digital skills. A traditional accounting degree can't get you there.

**Our MS in Accounting/MBA program will.**

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**The MS in Accounting/MBA program is tailored to students who have little to no academic experience in financial and accounting coursework—it's perfect for those changing careers. For me, it provided a seamless transition from the arts to accounting.**

Sam Smalley, MS in Accounting/MBA '19

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Music Production

MS IN ACCOUNTING/MBA AT A GLANCE

# Master Accounting for the Digital Economy

Designed specifically for those without a background in accounting, our program combines accounting theory and practice with cross-functional expertise in business. Your four-course concentration in analytics will give you the skills you need to make strategic, data-driven decisions in a landscape transformed by technology.

In this 15-month program, you'll spend three months in a one-of-a-kind corporate residency with a top accounting firm, where you'll work at the associate level during busy season and receive one-on-one guidance from an industry mentor.

The majority of your courses will be taken in sequence, helping you create a tight-knit peer group that will be part of your personal and professional network for years to come.

## BY THE NUMBERS

**15**  
months to complete

**0**  
years of accounting experience required

**100%**  
job placement rate within three months of graduation

Ruth Cetina Jimenez, MS in Accounting/MBA '24

UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR/MINOR  
Finance/Criminology



## The MS in Accounting/MBA Difference

In our program, you will . . .

- Learn the analytics and technical skills you need to succeed in big data accounting
- Sharpen your business acumen as you build accounting expertise
- Learn from renowned faculty who will share expertise drawn from years of practice as CPAs at Big 4 and other public accounting firms
- Gain professional experience through a paid corporate residency at a top accounting firm
- Earn your master's and graduate ready for the CPA exam
- Join an ambitious and active alumni network of over 4,000+ accounting graduates

## Program Snapshot

### FORMAT

Full-time, Boston campus

### AVERAGE COHORT SIZE

40 students

### CLASS BEGINS

Late May

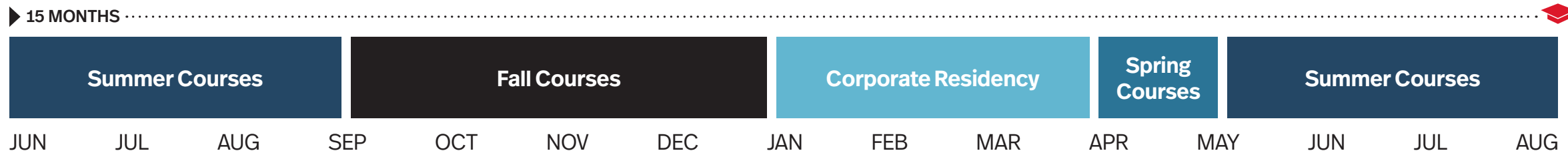
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### GRADUATION

August

## Your Program Journey



STUDENT PROFILE

# Your Non-accounting Background Is An Asset

Employers at top accounting firms look for new leaders with diverse academic and professional backgrounds—because their unique perspectives bring value to the organization. Accountants with non-industry backgrounds tend to be curious, agile thinkers and problem-solvers who communicate well and adapt smoothly to change.

Your classmates, like you, will be new to accounting, and their experiences will likely be different from yours, which promotes a rich learning experience informed by perspectives from a wide range of industries.

## Class of 2024

### UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS



Business & Management



Social Sciences



Economics



Sciences



Arts & Communications



Computer Science



Math & Statistics

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE



Directly From Undergrad



6 Months to 3 Years Work Experience



4+ Years Work Experience



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**Over the years, I have recruited many people who have liberal arts backgrounds and obtained graduate degrees in business, as I always found them to be more open-minded and creative. When you have a diverse knowledge base and different thought processes, you can create a really dynamic, forward-thinking team.”**

Pamela Yang, MS in Accounting/MBA '96 and Managing Director, Chief Operating Officer, and Chief Investment Officer of the Family Office at The Bulfinch Companies, Inc.

# Experience the Fast-paced World of Accounting

Experience-powered learning is what we do best at Northeastern. In your three-month corporate residency, you won't be watching from the sidelines—it's a fast paced, exciting immersion into the day to day realities of working at a top accounting firm.

Throughout your residency, you will . . .

- work at the associate level during accounting's busy season
- think strategically and solve problems as part of a team
- receive one-on-one guidance from a seasoned mentor at your host firm
- apply the lessons you've learned in the classroom and gain professional industry experience

**100%** corporate residency placement rate

**3** months

**\$15,000** average salary during your residency

# MS in Accounting/MBA Corporate Residency Process



Selah Malcolm, MS in Accounting/MBA'22

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Psychology and Business



**From this [corporate residency] experience, students get a good understanding of the expectations and responsibilities of an associate at PwC. They also get to meet people from different backgrounds who are at different stages of their careers and hear their stories about how they were able to elevate themselves and develop new skills."**

Karen Pfeil, Partner at PwC, MS in Accounting/MBA '01



**My [corporate residency] experience solidified that I made the right choice in picking this program and career path. After working during the chaos of the busy season, I realized how capable I am and that I'm never alone in this industry.**

Selah Malcolm, MS in Accounting/MBA'22

WHY ACCOUNTING?

# The Future of the Field Is Strong

Are you a natural leader who is motivated and inspired by the pace of change in the business world? If so, you'll be excited about where the accounting industry is headed. The rise of technology is calling for greater digital proficiency and shifting the focus of your workday to strategic thinking, complex problem-solving, and building stronger relationships with clients—all elements of an immensely satisfying career.

**97%** of companies say they're investing in big data and AI projects<sup>[1]</sup>

**\$5.8 BILLION** invested in AI by Big 4 in the last 12 months<sup>[2]</sup>

**51%** of CPAs expect to use AI within the next six to 12 months<sup>[3]</sup>

1 [zippia.com/advice/big-data-statistics](https://www.zippia.com/advice/big-data-statistics)  
2 [forbes.com/sites/jenamcgregor/2023/11/08/pwcs-1b-investment-will-give-every-worker-ai-training-and-staffers-access-to-chatbot-assistants](https://www.forbes.com/sites/jenamcgregor/2023/11/08/pwcs-1b-investment-will-give-every-worker-ai-training-and-staffers-access-to-chatbot-assistants)  
3 [tax.thomsonreuters.com/blog/how-do-different-accounting-firms-use-ai](https://www.tax.thomsonreuters.com/blog/how-do-different-accounting-firms-use-ai)

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The accounting industry has changed rapidly during the last 10 years and that change is going to continue. Firms are going to be looking for people with higher-level skills who have a better understanding of the big picture in business.”

Garrett Johnson, MS in Accounting/MBA '19

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Economics

## Analytics tools and technology you'll learn to use:

- Python and/or R
- Tableau
- SQL
- Excel
- Statistical analysis software

## Combined with appropriate work experience, can position you to pursue any of these roles:

- Auditor
- Tax advisor
- Financial analyst/advisor
- Business and IT consultant
- Entrepreneur
- Controller
- Partner or Director
- CFO or CEO

## Accountants are needed in all industries including:

- Public accounting
- Technology
- Financial services and banking
- Healthcare and biotech
- Manufacturing and retail
- Media, sports and entertainment
- Criminal investigations
- Government and non-profit

ALUMNI  
PERSPECTIVE

# Forge a Path That Inspires You

The MS in Accounting/  
MBA degree can take  
you almost anywhere  
you want to go. Our  
alumni are proof that  
this degree empowers  
you to create the career  
that excites you most.

**Jenna Sanders**  
MS in Accounting/MBA'23

**“During my corporate residency, I learned about PwC as a whole and how to use their systems. I truly felt like a first-year staff member at the firm and knew the work I completed was meaningful. I was treated with respect and had countless opportunities to build my knowledge and experience.”**

**UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR**  
Political Science, Economics,  
and Philosophy

**CAREER PROGRESSION**  
U.S. Coast Guard →  
**MS in Accounting/MBA** →  
Tax Associate, PwC

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<https://damore-mckim.northeastern.edu/news/jenna-sanders-msamba23>

**Dominic Viadero**  
MS in Accounting/MBA '12

**“I first worked in public accounting at KPMG, then as an accountant at John Hancock Investments, and now I’m with Ernst & Young [working as a tax manager]. As an undergraduate, I took courses in psychology, art history, film, criminal justice, astronomy, and literature. My adventures through all these different areas certainly helped me develop a new way to approach problems, interact with colleagues, discuss ideas, and advocate for myself.”**

**UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR**  
Mathematics

**CAREER PROGRESSION**  
**MS in Accounting/MBA** →  
Tax Associate, KPMG →  
Tax Manager, John Hancock Investments →  
Tax Manager → Tax Senior Manager, Ernst & Young

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MAKE CONNECTIONS THAT MATTER

# Career Services

Employers value the intense preparation that our graduates receive, especially through the corporate residency, and it shows in our job placement rate for the program: 100% over the past three years.

Your dedicated advisor will be your partner and ensure that you have access to a range of tools and opportunities that can help you through all stages of your job search:

- Personalized guidance and coaching from an advisor to help you create the career you're passionate about
- Alumni panels to share insights on topics important to your future
- Professionalism workshops on essential topics for building your career
- Resume review, mock interviews, and networking events with partner firms

# Alumni Network

There's real power in a personal network, and genuine pride in getting a Northeastern education. You'll connect with loyal and active accounting alumni while earning your degree and long afterward. During your program, you'll meet and build relationships with former graduates through various opportunities like networking receptions and panel discussions.



I would highly recommend D'Amore-McKim. The MSA/MBA is a grind but the experience, friends, and people that you meet make it all worth it."

Joshua Rouse, MS in Accounting/MBA '17

UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR  
Journalism

# How to Apply

Visit [northeastern.edu/apply](https://northeastern.edu/apply) and fill out the online application. We'll also need the following:

- An essay/personal statement
- Your resumé
- Two letters of professional or academic recommendation
- An academic transcript from each college and graduate school you attended
- An application fee
- Your passport or permanent residency card (if applicable)

Northeastern has a test-optional policy for the 2024-2025 academic year and does not require a GMAT or GRE score for admission.

English proficiency, both written and verbal, is necessary for success in D'Amore-McKim classrooms. We accept the following English language proficiency test scores: TOEFL iBT®, IELTS, Duolingo and PTE Academic.

# Connect with Us

[gspa@northeastern.edu](mailto:gspa@northeastern.edu)  
[calendly.com/gspa-admission](https://calendly.com/gspa-admission)

## Register for an admissions event.

Learn more about the MS in Accounting/MBA program from our admissions representatives, students, and alumni. Register at [damore-mckim.northeastern.edu/events](https://damore-mckim.northeastern.edu/events).

## Take a virtual tour.

See and learn more about Northeastern University's world class facilities and urban campus with a Virtual Tour of our Boston campus at [damore-mckim.northeastern.edu/visit](https://damore-mckim.northeastern.edu/visit).

## Talk to us.

Is our program the perfect fit for you? Tell us about your career goals and we'll help you decide. Reach out to an admissions representative today.



# Graduate Business Programs

Explore our complete offering of graduate business programs. Each program prepares you to lead in today's tech-driven business world.

## **MBA PROGRAMS**

Full-Time MBA  
Part-Time MBA  
Online MBA

## **ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE**

MS in Accounting  
MS in Finance

## **ANALYTICS**

MS in Business Analytics

## **MANAGEMENT**

MS in International Management  
MS in Management (MS x)

## **GRADUATE CERTIFICATES**

Accounting and Financial Decision Making, Brand Management, Business Administration, Business Analytics, Business Management for Healthcare, Corporate Finance, Corporate Innovation, Corporate Renewal, Entrepreneurship, International Business, Investments, Leading People and Organizations, Marketing, Marketing Analytics, Mutual Fund Management, Operations & Supply Chain Management, Sustainability and Business

Patrick Gearin, MS in Accounting/MBA'22

UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR  
Economics



# MBA Combined and Dual Degrees

## Combined Degrees

### **MS IN FINANCE/MBA**

Earn an accelerated MS in Finance alongside your MBA and prepare to be a leader at the center of business and finance.

**Full-time** You'll complete one of the MBA concentrations and a paid corporate residency.

**Part-time** You'll complete your courses at a flexible pace with courses on weekday evenings. Multiple class start times offer additional flexibility.

**Online** You'll study 100% online and complete one of the MBA concentrations and optional field study through a global travel course or a U.S.-based residency.

## Dual Degrees

### **JD/MSA/MBA**

As a partnership with the School of Law, you'll build your legal expertise in the specialized areas of tax and accounting while you also gain comprehensive business knowledge.

### **JD/MBA**

As a partnership with the School of Law, you'll prepare to practice law and build the business skills to thrive in the rapidly changing business world.

### **LLM/MBA**

As a partnership with the School of Law, you'll advance your legal knowledge with highly specialized training as you also develop business acumen that will prepare you for the future of work.



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