

MS in Accounting/ MBA Program

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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

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Music Production

MS IN ACCOUNTING/MBA AT A GLANCE

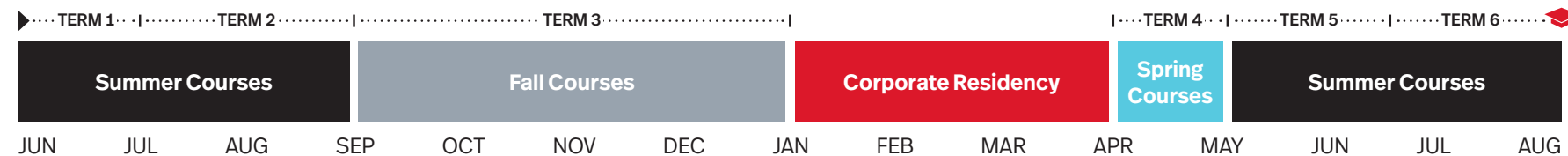
Master Accounting for the Digital Economy

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.

Your Program Journey



BY THE NUMBERS

15 months to complete

0 years of accounting experience required

98% job placement rate over the past five years

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The MS in Accounting/MBA program has been life-changing. Before I enrolled, I was in another graduate program that wasn't offering me the advanced coursework I needed or the career support necessary to make the transition from working in nonprofits to working in public accounting. The combined degree program at D'Amore-McKim has been a great fit.”

Victoria Sponsel, MS in Accounting/MBA '18

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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 well as 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 industry experience through a paid corporate residency at a top accounting firm
- Prepare for CPA examination through your coursework as you fulfill the 150 credit hours required to sit for the exam
- Join an ambitious and active alumni network of over 3,000 accounting graduates

Program Snapshot

FORMAT Full time, Boston campus
AVERAGE CLASS SIZE 30 students
CLASS BEGINS Late May
CREDITS 68
GRADUATION August

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.

42 colleges and universities are represented by students in this year's class

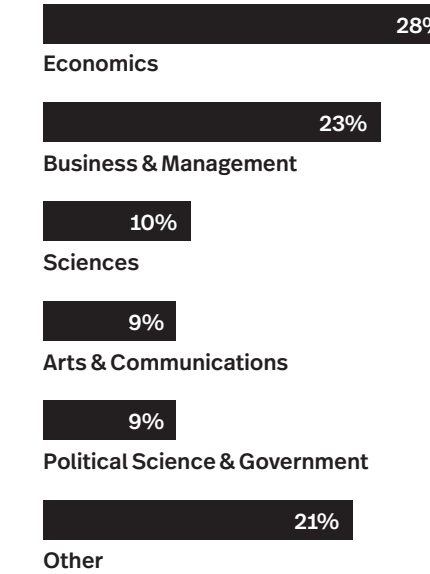


Over the years, I have recruited many people who have liberal arts backgrounds and obtained graduate degrees in business, as I always found them to be more open-minded and creative. When you have a diverse knowledge base and different thought processes, you can create a really dynamic, forward-thinking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

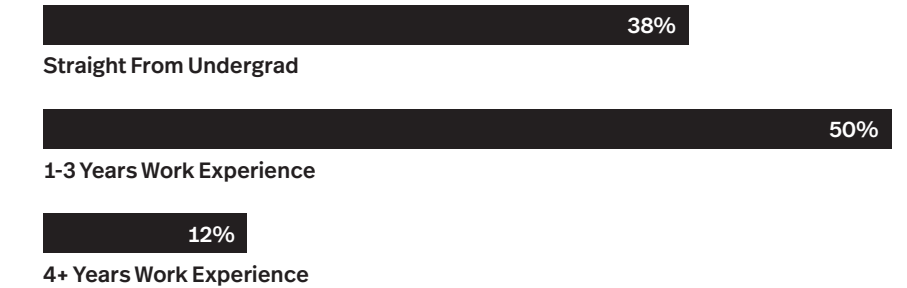
Pamela Yang, MS in Accounting/MBA '96 and Managing Director, State Street Global Advisors

Class of 2022

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE



CORPORATE RESIDENCY

Experience the Fast-paced World of Accounting

Experience-powered learning is what we do best at Northeastern, and you'll benefit directly from our real-world approach in the MS in Accounting/MBA program. 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 before you even graduate

100% corporate residency placement rate

3 months

\$15,000 average salary during your residency



MS in Accounting/MBA Corporate Residency Process



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From this experience [in the corporate residency], 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

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A defining moment for me in the program was the day I found out which firm I'd be working at for my corporate residency. It was so exciting, and it really flipped a switch for me that this was real—everything I was hoping for was finally beginning to happen.”

Joshua Rouse, MS in Accounting/MBA '17

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Journalism

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 will call for greater digital proficiency, but it will also shift the focus of your workday to strategic thinking, complex problem-solving, and building stronger relationships with clients—all elements of an immensely satisfying career. And the perspective of leaders from non-accounting backgrounds has never been more valued.

80% of managers want to hire accountants with technology and analytics skills^[1]

67% of accountants believe automation has positively impacted their work^[2]

53% of all organizations are developing strategies around the use of big data^[3]

¹ cpapracticeadvisor.com/accounting-audit/article/21106844/4-tech-trends-transforming-public-accounting

² entigrity.com/most-important-accounting-trends-and-forecasts-for-2020-and-beyond

³ accountingtoday.com/opinion/no-automation-wont-kill-the-cpa

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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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Examples of analytics tools and technology you may learn to use:

- Python
- Tableau
- SQL

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

- Auditor
- Business Development Manager
- Controller
- Entrepreneur
- Financial consultant
- Partner
- Tax advisor
- VP, Operations & Finance

Accountants are needed in all industries including:

- Public accounting
- Professional, scientific, and technical services
- Healthcare and social assistance
- Finance and insurance
- Manufacturing
- Media, sports, and entertainment
- Government and non-profit

ALUMNI PERSPECTIVE:
SUCCESSFUL CAREER PATHS

Forge a Path That Inspires You

The MS in Accounting/MBA degree can take you almost anywhere you want to go. Work your way up from the associate level all the way to director or partner at an accounting firm—or explore more than one industry through an accountant’s lens. Our alumni are proof that this degree empowers you to create the career that excites you most.

Betsy Jacobson
MS in Accounting/MBA '14

“I started my career at a Big Four firm in Audit. After five years at the firm and obtaining many valuable skills, I left for an opportunity at an AP automation software company. It’s interesting to see myself and other peers in the industry change career paths. For me, each experience allows you to gain new skills and more knowledge about how the world of accounting works from all angles.”

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CAREER PROGRESSION
MS in Accounting/MBA →
Audit & Assurance Manager,
Big Four firm →
Accounting Manager, accounts
payable automation software company

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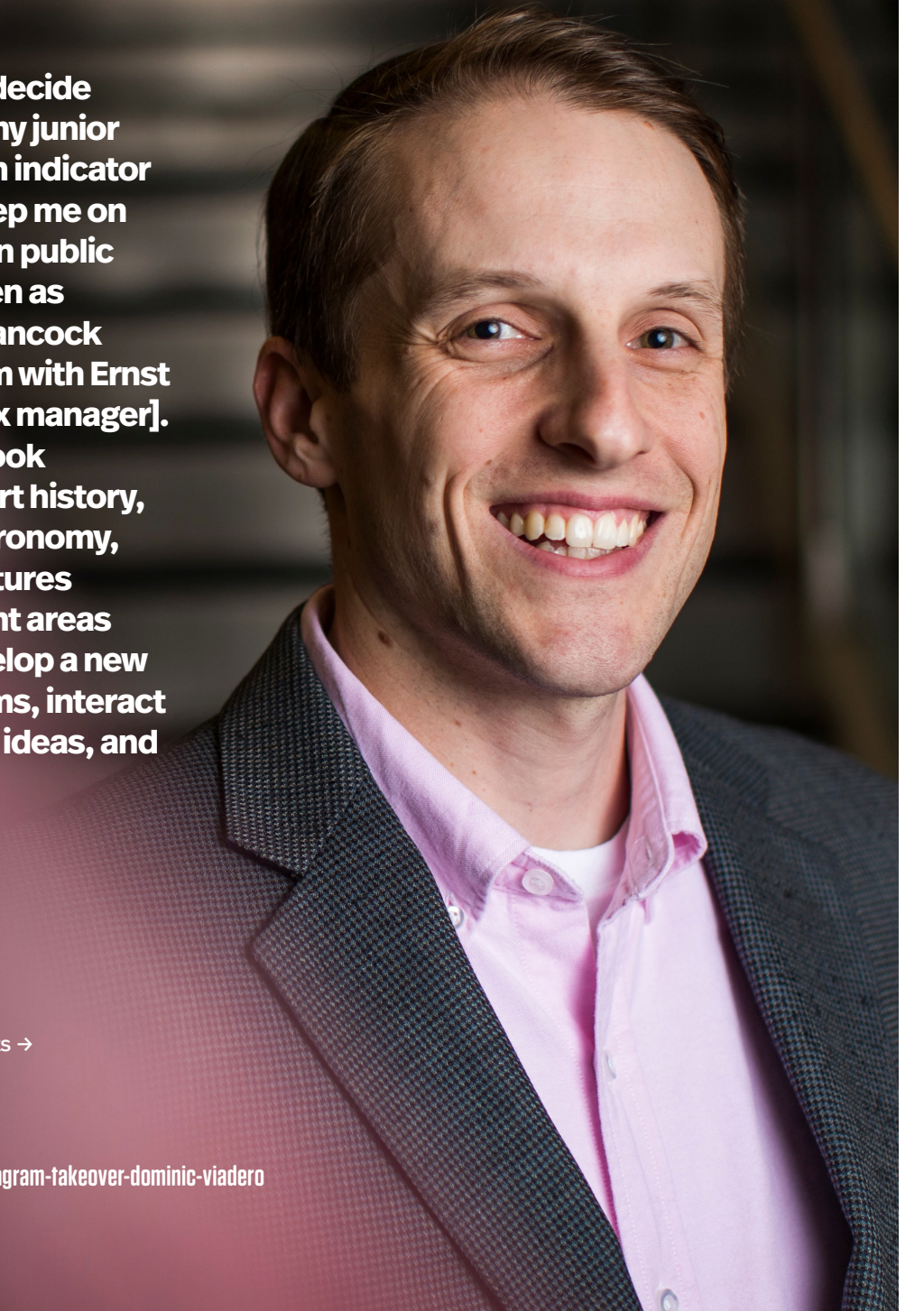
Dominic Viadero
MS in Accounting/MBA '12

“The fact that I couldn’t decide on a college major until my junior year should have been an indicator that my career would keep me on the move! 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.”

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Mathematics

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

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MAKE CONNECTIONS THAT MATTER

Career Services

An MS in Accounting/MBA degree from Northeastern is a stepping stone to incredible career opportunities. 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: 98% over the past five years.

You'll take the first steps in your career path while you're still in school, with the full support of our GSPA staff. You'll 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
- A professionalism workshop on best practices for building a personal brand
- 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. The Graduate School of Professional Accounting, established more than 50 years ago, has a loyal and active base of alumni you'll be able to connect with 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.



The network that you join upon starting this program is such a valuable asset. The number of people you'll meet with ties to the program and university is endless. All those who have come before you want to see you succeed and will be great resources for you during and after the program."

Dominic Viadero, MS in Accounting/MBA '12

UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR
Mathematics

How to Apply

Visit northeastern.edu/apply and fill out the online application. We'll also need the following:

- An essay or personal statement
- Your resume
- Two letters of professional or academic recommendation
- An academic transcript from each college/university and/or graduate school you previously attended
- An application fee of \$100 USD
- Your permanent residency card (if applicable)

For the 2021-22 and 2022-2023 academic years, Northeastern University is test-optional and does not require applicants to submit GMAT or GRE scores to be considered for admission. For more information, review our admissions policies.

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

Register for an admissions event.

Learn more about the MS in Accounting/MBA program from our admissions representatives. To register for an information session, check the current calendar at 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. Go to damore-mckim.northeastern.edu/visit for more information.

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.

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