

MASTERS OF SCIENCE IN TAXATION (MST) AND MST RELATED BADGES

A SPECIALIZED DEGREE FOR TAX PROFESSIONALS

Grand Valley State University is pleased to announce a redesigned MST degree program and the introduction of four tax-related badges. The MST program serves individuals who are interested in expanding or continuing their education in taxation. It is a specialized degree for tax professionals. Students examine substantive tax law and enhance their analytical and research skills, enabling them to identify relevant issues, and arrive at appropriate conclusions or courses of action. The MST is a highly accessible degree via the addition of four new badges. The degree can be earned by taking any ten of the badge courses listed below along with the capstone course: Tax Problems (ACC 636). A combination of badges will stack to earn an MST degree.



FOUNDATIONS OF TAX PRACTICE

Tax Research &
Writing (ACC 622)

Corporate Tax I
(ACC 624)

Estates & Gifts
(ACC 627)

Partnership Taxation
(ACC 629)

(Prerequisites:
Bachelors in Accounting*,
GPA >= 3.0)



CORPORATE TRANSACTIONS

Corporate Tax II
(ACC 625)

Multistate Taxation
(ACC 630)

International Taxation
(ACC 633)

(Prerequisites:
ACC 622, ACC 624)



ADVANCED TAX PRACTICE

Employee Benefit
Plans & Deferred
Compensation
(ACC 631)

Tax Accounting
(ACC 632)

Federal Tax Practice
and Procedure
(ACC 639)

(Prerequisites:
ACC 622)



WEALTH PLANNING

Fiduciary Income Tax
(ACC 628)

Advanced Estate
& Gift (ACC 641)

(Prerequisites:
ACC 622 and ACC 627)

Stackable Badges. Badges offer flexibility for those who may not be ready to commit to the MST degree; however, all completed courses within a badge can be applied to the MST degree down the road. Badges provide the option to earn an advanced credential focused on just the area of tax in which you want deeper knowledge. Our stackable badges may be taken in any order, with the indicated prerequisites. If you'd like to map out a plan to navigate the badges in order to earn your MST or just to get started with the courses you need now, let's talk.

Flexible Course Format. Graduate tax courses are offered either asynchronously online or in a hyflex format so they're accessible wherever there's internet access. Online coursework can be done at times convenient to the student. Hyflex delivery gives students the choice of attending classes either in person or virtually at the same time as the live class via videoconferencing software, with recordings available for those who prefer to participate asynchronously.

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