

Master of Science in Taxation Program Podcast

Hello, my name is Kassie and I am a staff member in The Graduate School at Grand Valley State University. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Grand Valley's Master of Science in Taxation program. Today we're going to cover the admissions process, program requirements, and the qualities that distinguish this program.

Let's start by explaining to you what this program entails. The Master of Science in Taxation program will prepare students to become highly qualified tax professionals employed in public accounting firms, corporate tax departments, and government. This is a 33-credit program and can be completed in two years as a full-time student or up to five years as a part-time student. In addition, the program can be completed in steps through a series of stackable badges addressing important tax topics. As tax topics are covered at an advanced level, this program would be particularly valuable to someone who already has some work experience and is seeking to advance to a leadership role in tax practice.

With the recent \$80 billion funding of the Internal Revenue Service contained in the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, hiring for tax compliance and tax controversy professionals is expected to dramatically increase, both in government and the private sector.

Standard Grand Valley admission requirements include completion of the online application as well as a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education. Your application must include official transcripts, and if English is not your native language you must provide scores from one of our approved standardized tests such as the PTE Academic, TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo. There is a \$30 nonrefundable application fee, however this fee is waived if you attended Grand Valley previously or are currently attending Grand Valley.

Although an accounting degree is not strictly required for admission into the program, a background in financial accounting will be assumed. Students who have not taken an undergraduate tax course will be required to complete ACC-317, Individual Income Taxation, before being admitted into the program.

More program details as well as the online application can be found on the Seidman College of Business website, www.gvsu.edu/seidmangrad/master-of-science-in-taxation-28.htm.

The great news about Grand Valley's graduate programs is that tuition rates do not change based on residency status. In other words, there are no extra costs for being an out of state student. Current tuition costs and information about scholarships and financial aid can be found www.gvsu.edu/financialaid or by calling (616) 331-3234. For information on graduate assistantships, please contact The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu.

The Master of Science in Taxation at Grand Valley is a 33-credit program. 18 credit hours are required courses, covering the core areas of tax law. An additional 15 credit hours will be dedicated electives. For a complete listing of all courses please visit www.gvsu.edu/seidmangrad/master-of-science-in-taxation-28.htm.

Our MST program offers small class sizes, instructors with many years of experience in taxation, and a strong emphasis on planning. The program can be completed online.

That is just a snapshot of the Master of Science in Taxation graduate program at Grand Valley State University. We hope that you will consider applying to a graduate program at GVSU. Any questions can be directed to the Graduate Program Director, Dr. Sonia Dalmia, at dalmias@gvsu.edu or to The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu. Thank you for your time and we hope you have enjoyed this podcast.