Taxation Program Podcast

Hello, my name is Kelsey 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. 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 graduate program will prepare students to grow in their careers that focus on Tax and Tax Law. This is a 33 credit hour program and can be completed in 1-2 years of study as a full-time student or 2-3 years as a part-time student.

This field is expected to grow by 11% or more by 2024, which is greater than average according to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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 TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB, or the PTE Academic. There is a $30 nonrefundable application fee, however this fee is waived if you attended GVSU previously or are currently attending GVSU.

The Master of Science in Taxation also requires a satisfactory score on the GMAT or GRE to qualify for admission. However, candidates with a Juris Doctor degree or Certified Public Accountant, or CPA, can have the test requirement waived. A one-page personal statement outlining students' educational goals and what they hope to accomplish with their degree is also required.

More program details as well as the online application can be found on the Master of Science in Taxation website, www.gvsu.edu/mst.

The great news about Grand Valley's graduate programs is that tuition rates for Michigan resident and non-resident students are the same. 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 at 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 program is a 33 credit hour program. For this program, students must have a background in accounting, economics, legal environment, statistics, finance, or taxation. Each student must complete a minimum of 21 credit hours in graduate taxation courses. 15 of these 21 credit hours are required courses, and the other 6 credit hours are graduate taxation elective courses. Individualized study is available for students that are interested in pursuing relevant special interests in areas where regular courses are not offered, such as research projects, theses, problem-solving projects, or other appropriate endeavors related to the student's present job and intellectual or career interests. A maximum of 3 credit hours can be granted to each student for independent study.

There are a number of qualities that distinguish the Master of Science in Taxation graduate program at GVSU. The Seidman College of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the premier business accrediting body. The Seidman College of Business is also grounded in strong community collaborations, applied scholarly contributions, innovative approaches to learning, and a supportive environment. In addition, students in this program take classes in state-of-the-art facilities and are taught by credentialed and committed faculty.

That is just a snapshot of the Master of Science in Taxation 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, Koleta Moore at moorekol@gvsu.edu or at 616-331-7400 or to The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu. Thank you for your time and we hope you have enjoyed this podcast.