The Master of Science in Accounting program is designed to provide accounting students with specialized knowledge in a critical area of accounting while also providing them with a broader understanding of the business environment and enabling students to meet the 150 credit requirement for CPA licensure.

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

Students in the Master’s degree program in Accounting are required to take 30 credit hours to complete the degree.

**Core Courses:**

- The Administrative Process
- Business Government and Society
- Strategic Marketing Management
- Financial Management

**Advanced Courses:**

- Forensic Accounting
- Accounting/Management Information Systems
- Accounting Research
- Financial Statement Analysis
- Managerial Decision Making and Applications

In addition, students will select one course from the following:

- Tax Strategies and Business Decisions
- Financial Planning
- Leadership and Organization Effectiveness
- Global Business Strategy
- Strategic Human Resource Management
- Seminar in Contemporary Business Topics
- Services Marketing and Management
- Intellectual Property Management
- Analysis Techniques for Large-Scale Data – Spatial and Statistical
- Business to Business Marketing
- Forecasting for Managers and Researchers
- Research Project in Large-Scale Data
- Seminar in Big Data – Current Topics
- Computational and Statistical Methods for the
- Business and Economics
- Big Data Management in a Supercomputing Environment

The degree will help students meet the 150 credits requirement for CPA licensure while providing students with the broader perspective now emphasized by the accounting profession.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

• Baccalaureate degree in Accounting or related fields such as Business or Economics. Potential students may apply after taking proficiency courses.
• Overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher
• All applicants must demonstrate proficiency in business fundamentals and in-depth knowledge of accounting by having completed the following undergraduate course-work before starting the MS:
  - Seven courses in accounting (including introductory, intermediate, and cost accounting, taxation, and auditing)
  - Two courses in business law (including the law of contracts, sole proprietorships, and corporations)
  - Two courses in finance (including managerial finance)
  - One course in communications (may be a communications course or a business course with a strong emphasis on business presentations)
  - One course in computer fundamentals (i.e. MS Windows, Office, Internet skills)
  - Two courses in economics (microeconomics and macroeconomics)
  - Two courses in quantitative methods (minimum of pre-calculus and statistics)
  - One course in management
  - One course in marketing

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Graduate Application:
The application must be completed online at www.csi.cuny.edu/graduatestudies.

Transcripts:
Applicants must request official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended. If you are currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution, have one transcript sent now and another sent when you complete the courses that you are taking. Applicants who have been enrolled at CSI do not need to request a CSI transcript; the Office of Recruitment and Admissions will obtain a copy.

Application Fee:
A $75.00 non-refundable application fee is required of all applicants. Please make your check or money order payable to the College of Staten Island. Veterans are exempt from paying the application fee. Veterans must provide proof of their Veteran/Military status in order to be waived from paying the application fee.

Letter of Intent

Letters of Recommendation:
Two letters of recommendation from instructors or employers. One letter, whenever possible, should come from a current or former employer.

Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT): For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit www.mba.com or call 800-717-GMAT. The CSI Institution code is 282KN35. Students with degrees in corporate communications may choose to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). CSI graduates who have a GPA of 3.2 or higher in their accounting or business major are exempt from taking the GMAT.

English Proficiency Examination:
The TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE exam is required of students for whom English is a second language.
  - Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): Minimum required score is 79 (Internet). For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the TOEFL website at www.ets.org. Our institutional code is 2778.
  - International English Language Testing System (IELTS): We will only accept the academic exam scores. The minimum required score is 6.5 (overall band). For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the IELTS website at www.ielts.org.
  - Pearson Test of English (PTE): Minimum required score is 53. For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the PTE website at www.pearsonpte.com.

All documents must be submitted to the Office of Recruitment and Admissions.

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