Graduate Degree Programs

This section of the 2011-2012 Catalog provides details on Walsh College graduate degree programs, admissions requirements and procedures, required and elective courses, and graduation requirements. The College’s graduate programs include:

- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Management (MM)
- Master of Science in Accountancy (MAC)
- Master of Science in Finance (MSF)
- Master of Science in Information Assurance (MSIA)
- Master of Science in Information Systems (MSIS)
- Master of Science in Taxation (MST)
- Dual Master of Business Administration and Master of Science in Information Systems (MBA/MSIS)
- Doctor of Management (DM) in Executive Leadership

Special Notes

- It is recommended that students meet with an academic advisor prior to enrolling in a graduate degree program to finalize their specific curriculum plan. Advisors are available at all Walsh College campuses. Students should schedule an appointment prior to registering for their first semester.

- Once enrolled at Walsh, students can seek academic advising through the Admissions and Academic Advising office and/or career counseling through the Career Services office.

- All graduate degree programs, including the Dual MBA/MSF degree program, must be completed within 60 consecutive calendar months from the first semester of enrollment at Walsh College, as designated by the first semester attended on the student’s Walsh transcript. If a student changes his/her major or degree program, the student has 60 consecutive calendar months (five years) in which to complete the new major or degree program starting with the semester in which the program change occurred. Extensions to this time requirement will only be granted upon review of the request by the director of Admissions and Academic Advising or designee in conjunction with the academic department chair. Students may be required to complete additional coursework and/or update to the current catalog year and degree requirements.

- Each graduate degree program, except the Master of Management, has required foundation coursework which will be used to establish currency in coursework that may be out of date, and/or to establish the necessary background and skills needed for success in the graduate program. All foundation coursework must be completed with a grade of “C” (2.000) or better.

- Students on an academic program may choose allowable electives and specializations for the same academic program that are offered in future Catalog years. Students are not required to update to the future academic program/catalog year to enroll in the new elective or specialization courses. Specializations are not available for the Dual MBA/MSF degree.

- A graduate student will not be awarded a certificate for courses completed as part of his/her degree requirement.

Admission to Walsh College Graduate Programs

Admissions Procedures

To apply to any Walsh College graduate degree program, an Admissions Application Form must be submitted along with a nonrefundable application fee. Former Walsh College students are required to submit an Admissions Application Form, but are not required to pay a second admissions application fee. Applications can be submitted at any Walsh College campus or online by visiting the College Web site at www.walshcollege.edu.

Admitted students can begin their studies at the start of any academic semester. Admissions applications will be accepted until the last day to register for classes for the semester in which the applicant wishes to enroll. An applicant’s admissions status will be determined upon receipt of all required documents. Every attempt will be made to process the application in time for admitted students to enroll in their intended semester of initial attendance. To facilitate the admissions process, applicants are encouraged to submit student or unofficial copies of transcripts from all colleges attended, along with the admissions application.

Full admission to the College will be granted only upon receipt of all official transcripts and required documentation. An individual may be admitted on a contingent basis upon review of unofficial transcripts. A student’s admission status will remain contingent until receipt of all final, official transcripts and fulfillment of minimum admission grade point average requirements. Students admitted contingently will be allowed to register for their first semester. All final, official transcripts must be received before a student will be permitted to register for their second semester at Walsh College. It is the responsibility of the applicant to contact all colleges/universities currently and previously attended and request that official transcripts be sent directly to Walsh College. Copies of transcripts hand-delivered by students are not considered official. Indebtedness or transcript holds at another institution may prevent processing of the admissions application and/or registration.

For information on international transcript evaluation and admission to the College for those individuals pursuing an F-1 Student Visa, please see the section entitled International Students.
After receiving the applicant’s official transcript(s), the Admissions and Academic Advising office will evaluate previous academic credits. Any discrepancy between official and unofficial transcripts will result in the adjustment of any previously noted exclusion, waivers, or advanced standing awarded, and may affect eligibility for admission or change an applicant’s admission status from “contingent” to “provisional” or “denied”. Generally accepted transfer policies are practiced along state and federal guidelines. Upon completion of the evaluation, a letter will be sent to the applicant reflecting the status of the application and admission to the College.

Applicants can contact the Admissions and Academic Advising office at any time during this process to inquire about specific policies and procedures or the status of their application.

Applicants to graduate programs may enroll in any semester within the 12 consecutive calendar months following admission to Walsh College. If an applicant does not enroll and complete at least one course within 12 consecutive calendar months following admission, he/she must reapply for admission. Students who are required to reapply for admission will be required to meet the admissions and program requirements of the catalog year in which they reapply. If the applicant does not reapply for admission within 36 calendar months after admission to the College, his/her application, official transcripts, and all related documentation may be destroyed. Applicants who reapply to the College will be required to resubmit all pertinent transcripts and documents to Walsh College.

Admissions Requirements

For consideration for admission to a Walsh College graduate degree program, an applicant must:

- Possess an undergraduate degree or higher from a college or university accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools or one of the following regional associations: Middle States, New England, Northwest, Southern, or Western.

- Have an overall cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.750 or better on a 4.000 scale (for applicants with less than a 2.750 GPA, see Provisional Status).

- Be proficient in current computer software applications for word processing.

Individuals for whom English is not their first language must provide proof of English language proficiency. This proof may be in the form of one of the following:

1. A full bachelor’s or master’s degree awarded from an English-speaking institution.

2. TOEFL:
   - Score of 550 (written)
   - Score of 79 (internet-based)
   - MELAB score of 80
   - MTELP score of 80
   - IELTS score of 6.5 (www.ielts.org)

3. Proof of successfully passing an English composition course with a “C” (2.000) or better.

An official document of these test scores must be sent to Walsh College for consideration in processing the admissions application. The TOEFL & IELTS scores are valid for two years; the MTELP/MELAB scores are valid for five years. Transcripts from the degree-granting institution may be accepted as proof of English language proficiency. Walsh College retains the right to require reexamination or further English language studies at a qualified institution for any non-native speaker of English.

Graduate Programs with Additional Admissions Requirements

MAC applicants whose prior accounting coursework is more than five years old will be required to complete required foundation coursework. MAC applicants that do not have a Bachelor of Accountancy degree or Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in Accounting Processes from Walsh, or have not successfully competed specific accounting courses in residence at Walsh College and have completed equivalent accounting coursework within five years will be required to meet one of the following for appropriate course placement in the MAC program:

- Documentation of successful completion of the CPA exam.

- Documentation of successful completion of the GMAT with a minimum score of 500.

- Successful completion of Walsh College accounting department assessment exam to determine accounting course placement.

Documentation of successful completion of the CPA exam must be sent directly to the Walsh College Admissions and Academic Advising office. The GMAT must have been completed within five years prior to applying to the MAC program, and official copies of the scores must be sent directly to the Walsh College Admissions and Academic Advising office. Unofficial copies of GMAT scores will be accepted to facilitate initial processing of the admissions application.

MSIA applicants must be able to document competency in one of the following ways:

- Possess an undergraduate degree in a computer related field

- Provide documented competency in the area of computer security with a minimum of one of the following certifications:
  - Security+ Certification
  - CIW Security Certification
  - Network+ Certification
  - Microsoft Certification (MCITP, MCSA, MCSE, MCTS)
  - Novell Certification (CNA, CNE, MCNE)
  - CISCO Certifications (CCNA, CCNE, CCIE)
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- Provide documentation of two years’ verifiable, professional level full-time work experience in network design/development/administration or information assurance.

- Successful completion of BIT 501, Information Systems Methodology; BIT 502, Program Design and Development and BIT 525, Fundamentals of Networks and Telecommunications, with grades of “C” (2.00) or better.

MST applicants must have completed one course in financial accounting.

Provisional Status

Individuals with a cumulative grade point average lower than 2.750 – but not below 2.000 – may be considered for provisional acceptance to a graduate degree program. Demonstration of other factors that indicate a reasonable probability of success in the program will be considered. Such factors include – but are not limited to – professional work experience, professional certifications, and successful academic performance in prior business courses.

Up on evaluation, these factors may result in provisional acceptance to a graduate degree program at the College.

Provisional acceptance requires a mandatory appointment with an advisor prior to registering for any courses. The advisor will outline the requirements of provisional acceptance as well as require the student to sign a Provisional Acceptance Form.

Students admitted on a provisional basis to the MBA, MM, MSF, MSIA, MSIS, or Dual MBA/MSF programs must achieve a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.000 in the first two graduate courses taken within their degree program in order for the provisional status to be removed. Students admitted on a provisional basis to the MAC or MST programs must complete their first two graduate courses taken within their degree program with a grade of “C” (2.00) or better in order for the provisional status to be removed.

Failure to meet the requirements of the provisional status will result in dismissal which prohibits the student from enrolling in any further courses at Walsh College for a period of one year. After a period of one year, provisionally dismissed students may be eligible to reapply to a Walsh College graduate degree program. Upon readmission, all admissions policies in effect at that time will be applied toward a student’s application and evaluation process. A second provisional dismissal is considered final, and the student will not be eligible for readmission to Walsh College.

Credit for Extra-Institutional Learning

Walsh College awards credit and/or course competency waivers for documented postsecondary-level extra-institutional learning. Extra institutional learning is defined as learning that is attained outside of the sponsorship of legally authorized and appropriately accredited postsecondary education institutions. Reliable and valid measures of learning outcomes are used to assess and grant such awards.

When applying for admission to Walsh College, a student may request credit for learning already acquired in settings outside of Walsh. The request will be evaluated as part of the admissions process. Documentation verifying attainment of college-level learning is required.

Current sources of extra-institutional learning which may be reviewed for course credit or waivers include CLEP; documented military coursework; courses documented by the American Council of Education (ACE) guidelines; training; and certifications or professional licences. Contact the Walsh College Admissions and Academic Advising office for additional information.

Readmission to Walsh College

If a student or applicant has not enrolled in any courses (as designated by the last semester attended on the student’s Walsh transcript) for 12 consecutive calendar months, the student/applicant must apply for readmission through the Admissions and Academic Advising office. At the time of readmission, all coursework will be evaluated based on current admissions requirements; required coursework and acceptable transfer equivalencies; and minimum grade requirements for transfer and graduation. Time limitations for eligibility/transferability as determined by each academic area may apply.

Readmitted students will be responsible for the degree requirements outlined in the catalog year to which they are readmitted, and will be directed to their Program Plan detailing their degree requirements. Students who are granted credit for courses previously taken at Walsh College may be required to complete their program in a period of time not to exceed the maximum 60 months from initially starting at Walsh College. Transcripts of students who have been readmitted to the College will reflect all courses taken, credit hours attempted, and grades received while at Walsh College, even though previous coursework with a grade below “C” (2.00) will not be counted toward the current degree program.

Veteran students who were deployed and reapply for admission may petition to be readmitted under the same academic program and graduation criteria in affect at the time of deployment. A copy of the student’s deployment paperwork and length of stay will be required as part of the readmission process. Students in this situation should contact a Veterans Certifying Official or an academic advisor to provide the deployment paperwork so that their academic file may be updated. Upon return from duty, it is highly recommended that the veteran review the current and former programs with an advisor to see which program best benefits the student. If the veteran opts to move to the newest program, all admission and catalog policies of the newest catalog will apply and the student may not switch back.

Graduate students who are readmitted to another graduate degree may be eligible to have their former grades excluded from their grade point average under certain limited conditions. See the section entitled “Clean Slate Policy” or contact an advisor in the Admissions and Academic Advising office for details.
‘Clean Slate’ Policy

Graduate students who have not attended Walsh College for at least one year (12 consecutive months) and are reapplying for admission to a graduate degree program other than the degree program he/she was pursuing when they last attended Walsh College, may request a one-time review of their previous academic coursework for exclusion from the grade point average (GPA) calculation under their new program. Courses chosen to be excluded from GPA calculation will include all attempts of the course. Under this policy, all courses, grades, and academic standing notations will still appear on the student’s academic transcript, but the student’s cumulative GPA for the new program will only include previous course work required or used as electives under the new program. Students are required to sign a Clean Slate Policy Form and a notation that the Clean Slate Policy has been invoked will appear on the student’s transcript. After invoking the Clean Slate Policy, the student’s transcript will not be updated until the student registers under the new program.

This option allows courses and grades from the student’s previous graduate degree or academic program to be excluded from their new degree or program with the following stipulations:

Previously completed courses will not be excluded from cumulative grade point average (CUM GPA) calculations for the new academic program if the course meets one of the following criteria:

- Any course, including those that are dual listed, and all attempts of that course, that is a required course in the student’s new degree program
- Any course, including all attempts of that course, that the student has chosen to include as an elective course in the new degree program
- Any course that is being counted to reach the total number of required credit hours for a new graduate degree

Course(s) selected by the student to be used toward degree requirements must be identified at the time of readmission. Course selections cannot be changed. The Clean Slate Policy cannot be used more than once and all courses attempted, grades earned and academic standing notations remain on the student’s transcript even though some courses/grades under the provisions of this policy may not be counted toward the new degree/program or grade point average.

After having taken advantage of the Clean Slate Policy, should the student reapply to another degree or certificate program, all courses attempted and grades received as part of the Clean Slate policy will be used to re-calculate the student’s cumulative grade point average for admission evaluation purposes. A student who invoked the Clean Slate Policy, but does not attend Walsh College within one year or was dismissed, will have all previously excluded courses and grades re-entered into the student’s cumulative GPA.

Degree/Program Changes

A student desiring to change from one graduate program or degree to another must officially request this change with an academic advisor. A complete evaluation will be required before the student is admitted into the desired degree program. Graduate courses already completed at Walsh College will be evaluated for appropriateness for the new program/degree. A change in graduate program/degree may result in the identification of required prerequisite coursework. The student will be placed on the most current program of study and a new academic Program Plan will be created. All current admissions requirements and policies will apply. Students pursuing the Dual MBA/MSF degree that desire to change their graduate program to the MBA or MSF degree will be re-evaluated for the current program in effect at that time and will be required to meet all admission and graduation requirements. If a student wishes to change his/her status from graduate degree seeking to non-degree or any other status, he/she must contact the Admissions and Academic Advising office to apply for the new status.

Pursuing a Second Graduate Degree at Walsh College

Students may apply for a second graduate degree at Walsh College upon completion of their current academic degree program. Students must follow all procedures outlined for application to graduate programs. Consideration of prior graduate academic coursework that has been successfully completed at Walsh College will be reviewed as outlined in sections entitled Advanced Standing Credit, Course Waivers and Exclusions. Specific Dual MBA/MSF policies apply. Walsh College Master of Science in Management graduates cannot pursue the Master of Management as a second degree.

Advanced Standing Credit

Students may receive advanced standing credit for graduate-level coursework that is directly equivalent to a required and/or elective course in their specific Walsh degree program. If a student is awarded advanced standing credit, the semester credit hours are applied toward the appropriate degree program.

The MAC, MSIA, MST and Dual MBA/MSF degrees allow for a maximum of 12 semester credit hours of advanced standing credit for graduate coursework.

The MBA allows for a maximum of 12 semester credit hours of advanced standing, except for students who have already completed a MSF from Walsh College within 5 years, who are allowed a maximum of 27 semester credit hours.

The MSF allows for a maximum of 12 credit hours of advanced standing, except for students who have already completed a MBA from Walsh College within 5 years, who are allowed a maximum of 24 semester credit hours.
The MSIS degree allows for a maximum of 15 semester credit hours of advanced standing credit to be granted for certifications approved through the Extra Institutional Credit policy.

The MM degree allows for a maximum of nine semester credit hours of advanced standing credit for graduate coursework.

Advanced standing credit will only be awarded once for a transfer course within a graduate program; in subsequent programs, the course may be used to obtain a waiver or exclusion, if time limits and equivalencies are met. Approved courses taken at the graduate level while an undergraduate student may not exceed six semester credit hours of advanced standing toward the graduate program with the exception of the Honors Fast Track program.

Advanced standing credit awarded for a “course set” can be used to fulfill elective requirements but cannot be used to obtain a specialization.

For coursework to be eligible for advanced standing, the following criteria must be met:

- The course must be equivalent to a course offered as a part of a Walsh College graduate degree program.
- The graduate transfer course must have been completed with a grade of “B” (3.000) or better from a college or university accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools or one of the following regional associations: Middle States, New England, Northwest, Southern, or Western.
- The coursework must have been completed within 60 calendar months (five years) preceding the date of initial admission. Graduate courses taken within ten years preceding the date of initial admission in residence at Walsh College may be evaluated for a waiver.
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- Students can contact the Walsh College Admissions and Academic Advising office for additional information.

Course Waivers

An applicant may be eligible to receive waivers for required and/or elective coursework in the graduate program. Unlike advanced standing, an applicant will receive no credit for the waiver. A waiver requires the applicant to replace the waived course with an allowable elective course. Waivers may be awarded for coursework that is determined to be equivalent to courses required in the graduate degree program. Courses must have been completed at Walsh College or at another institution prior to admission to Walsh College. If the student desires to take a course that has been waived for a grade, he/she must contact the Admissions and Academic Advising office.

To apply eligible courses as a waiver for required coursework, the following criteria must be met:

- The coursework must be equivalent to a course offered as part of a Walsh College graduate degree program.
- The coursework must have been completed with a grade of “C” (2.000) or better, from a college or university accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools or one of the following regional associations: Middle States, New England, Northwest, Southern, or Western.
- The coursework must have been completed within 60 calendar months preceding the date of initial admission. Graduate courses taken within ten years preceding the date of initial admission in residence at Walsh College may be evaluated for a waiver.

Exclusions

An applicant may be eligible to be excluded from foundation or prerequisite courses within the graduate program. Exclusions may be given when the student has taken an equivalent course (including undergraduate coursework) at Walsh College or at a transfer institution. Excluded courses do not have to be replaced by another course in the student’s graduate degree program.

Non-Degree Coursework

An individual who holds the minimum of a bachelor’s degree is eligible to take courses at Walsh College as a non-degree graduate student. All course prerequisites must be met. An individual interested in taking courses as a non-degree student should follow the same procedures as an applicant to a graduate degree program.

A non-degree student who applies to any Walsh College graduate degree program will be held to all admissions requirements under the catalog year in which the individual applies. Non-degree coursework that is a required or elective course as part of a degree program will be applied and moved to the student’s graduate transcript, including all dual listed courses and all attempts of that course. Time limitations for transferability as determined by each academic area may apply.

Dual Graduate Degrees

Walsh College offers the Dual MBA/MSF degree program for students interested in pursuing both a MBA and MSF degree simultaneously. The Dual MBA/MSF degree is the only degree program allowing two graduate degrees to be completed simultaneously. Students must complete all courses required as outlined in the Dual MBA/MSF degree requirements to be awarded both academic degrees. Students choosing to complete only one degree program will be required to pursue an academic program change. The student will be placed on the most current program of study and issued a new academic program sheet. All current admissions requirements and policies will apply.
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Master of Business Administration (MBA)
The Walsh College Master of Business Administration (MBA) is a distinctive program that encompasses the study of accounting, finance, management, and related disciplines. The curriculum is based upon the foundation courses found in all MBA programs, demonstrating how each area is integrated into a successful business operation. The Walsh MBA also provides the opportunity to specialize in one area by taking four elective courses in topics of particular relevance to individual interests and career goals. All MBA courses emphasize decision making and developing systematic approaches to solving complex problems. Students work in teams and use technology extensively to access information from the Internet and online databases.

The MBA program consists of 13-19 courses for 39-57 credits.

The Walsh MBA program consists of six foundation courses that can be taken at Walsh or excluded, depending on a student’s prior education. The program core consists of nine courses and a four-course elective requirement in which a student can focus on a specialization. Students may instead pursue the Dual MBA/MSF degree (see program requirements on page 37).

The MBA degree requires a minimum of 27 semester credit hours of core and elective credits in residence at Walsh College.

Students with any of the following certificates or licensures may be granted advanced standing or exclusions for:

- Students with a CIA, CFA, CFM, CMA, and/or CPA licensure(s) will not be required to complete ACC 500.
- Students with a CFA, CFM, CMA, and/or CPA licensure(s) will be granted advanced standing credit for ACC 505.
- Students that have an active PHR certification will be granted advanced standing credit for MGT 555.
- Students with a PFP or CFP licensure will be granted advanced standing credit for FIN 502, 525, 580 and TAX 535.
- Various information technology certifications allow for advanced standing for courses above – see MSIA and MSIS sections.

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MBA Core Courses

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MBA Specializations/Electives

Students may, but are not required to, focus their elective courses in a specialization. To earn a specialization, a student may either complete any four courses within a listed discipline (ACC, BIT, ECN, FIN, HSA, HR, IA, IB, MKT, PM, SL or TAX) or complete the four specific courses listed under a course set within a discipline.

Advanced standing credit awarded for a “course set” can be used to fulfill elective and specialization requirements but will not be designated on the student’s transcript as a specialization. A student will not be awarded a certificate for courses completed for a specialization. A student may elect to obtain a second specialization with a minimum of nine additional semester credit hours. A student who is pursuing a second graduate degree at Walsh will not be awarded a specialization that was previously completed in the first degree.

Electives can be chosen from any 500-level course in the listed disciplines (except specific courses listed). Students must follow all course prerequisites. In some cases, this could result in the completion of more than four elective courses.

Accounting – any 500 level accounting course (except ACC 500 and 505)

Business Information Technology – BIT 501, BIT 502 and two from the following: BIT 514, 525, 540 and 546.

Economics – any four of the following: ECN 515, 522, 527, 575, 580, and 586

Finance – any 500-level courses in FIN not already required

Health Services Administration – ECN 522, FIN 524, MGT 569, MGT 574

Human Resources Management – MGT 556, 557, 558, and 559

Information Assurance – Students must consult with the MSIA program director for IA electives.

International Business – IB 514, IB 535, and two from the following: IB 562, 563, 564, 565 and 567

Marketing – any four of the following: MKT 540, 541, 542, 545, 551 and 553

Project Management – BIT 561, 562, 563, and 564

Strategic Leadership – SL 500, 510, 520 and 570

Taxation –Students must consult with the MST program director for TAX electives.
Master of Management (MM)
The Master of Management degree (MM) is designed for those interested in learning about generic concepts of managing an enterprise that can apply to both for-profit and not-for-profit organizations. The degree is intended for students who desire a graduate degree that will provide them with a generalist point of view in managing organizational resources and will also provide them the opportunity to select a management specialization of study.

The MM program consists of 11 courses for 33 credits. The MM degree requires a minimum of 24 semester credit hours in core and elective credits in residence at Walsh College.

### MM Core Courses
- BIT 561 Fundamentals of Project Management
- COM 520 Management Communication
- MGT 501 Management, Organizational Learning and Change
- MGT 555 Global Human Resources Management
- MGT 579 Finance for Non-Financial Managers
- MGT 580 Secure Management
- MGT 590 Contemporary Managerial Issues
- MKT 550 Managing the Marketing Function

### MM Electives/Specialization Courses
Students may, but are not required to, focus their courses in a specialization. All MM students must complete a minimum of three elective courses. Students can choose to complete any three 500-level courses. Students can also choose from any discipline listed below for a specialization or complete the courses listed under Health Services Administration, Human Resources or Project Management. All course prerequisites must be followed.

Advanced standing credit awarded for a “course set” can be used to fulfill elective and specialization requirements but will not be designated on the student’s transcript as a specialization. A student will not be awarded a certificate for courses completed for a specialization. A student may elect to obtain a second specialization with a minimum of nine additional semester credit hours. A student who is pursuing a second graduate degree as Walsh will not be awarded a specialization that was previously completed in the first degree.

#### Accounting
#### Business Information Technology
#### Finance
#### Information Assurance – Students must consult with the MSIA program director for IA electives.
#### International Business
#### Marketing
#### Strategic Leadership

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Health Services Administration
Choose any three from the following:
- ECN 522 Health Economics
- FIN 524 Health Administration Finance
- MGT 569 Health Care Policy, Law and Ethical Issues
- MGT 574 Quality Assurance for Health Services

Human Resources Management
- MGT 556 Organizational Design
- MGT 557 Labor Relations
- MGT 558 Managing Employee Development and Training

Project Management
- BIT 562 Project Finance, Estimating, and Cost Management
- BIT 563 Project Management Tools and Techniques
- BIT 564 Project Leadership and Management

Master of Science in Accountancy (MAC)
The Walsh College Master of Science in Accountancy (MAC) is designed to prepare students for a career in public, corporate, or private accounting. The MAC is designed in two tracks to accommodate both students with significant accounting courses or holding an undergraduate degree in accounting, and students with few or no undergraduate accounting courses or degree. Students may be excluded from foundation and waived from some of the core courses depending on prior coursework. Students who have completed accounting courses outside of Walsh College may be required to take an assessment exam in order to determine appropriate placement in the MAC program. Core courses that are waived will need to be replaced with additional electives. MAC students may elect to earn a specialization in Taxation by completing three elective courses in tax.

The MAC program consists of 12-15 courses for 36-45 credits. The MAC degree requires a minimum of 24 semester credit hours in core and elective credits in residence at Walsh College.

### MAC Foundation Courses
- ACC 500 Financial Accounting
- ACC 501 Intermediate Accounting I
- ACC 502 Intermediate Accounting II

### MAC Core Courses
- ACC 503 Financial Accounting Concepts
- ACC 506 Accounting Information Systems
- ACC 511 Business Combinations
- ACC 512 Government and Not-for-Profit Accounting
- ACC 515 Auditing
- ACC 518 Accounting Communications
- ACC 519 Advanced Managerial Accounting
- ACC 520 International Accounting
- TAX 595 Tax and Business Taxation I
- TAX 596 Tax and Business Taxation II
MAC Electives

And choose two from the following:

ACC 550  Advanced Auditing
ACC 574  Industry Accounting and Auditing
TAX 597  Tax and Business Taxation III

MAC Additional Elective Courses (if needed)

Choose from any 500-level graduate course(s), except ACC 505, TAX 593 and TAX 535.

Students must follow all course prerequisites. Students who elect to earn a specialization in Taxation are required to complete TAX 501 plus two additional 500-level TAX courses not already required in the program.

Master of Science in Finance (MSF)

The Walsh College Master of Science in Finance (MSF) program offers graduate education in all aspects of finance. It offers a blend of accounting, economics, and finance. There are four specializations available in the MSF program. Students may, but are not required, to focus their elective courses in a specialization.

To earn a specialization in one of the following areas, students may select any four of the courses listed in each area. Some elective courses may require prerequisites that are not included in the degree program. Students may instead pursue the Dual MBA/MSF degree (see program requirements on page 37).

The MSF consists of 12 to 15 courses totaling 36 to 45 semester credit hours, depending on a student’s prior education. Students complete six required core courses and six elective courses, of which four may be taken in one of the designated specializations. Students may but are not required to focus their courses in a specialization.

The MSF degree requires a minimum of 24 semester credit hours of core and elective credits in residence at Walsh College.

Students with any of the following certificates and/or licensures may be granted advanced standing or exclusions for:

- Students with a CIA, CFA, CFM, CMA, and/or CPA licensure(s) will not be required to complete ACC 500.
- Students with a CFA, CFM, CMA, and/or CPA licensure(s) will be granted advanced standing credit for ACC 505.
- Students with a PFP or CFP licensure will be granted advanced standing credit for FIN 502, 525, 580 and TAX 535.

MSF Core Courses

FIN 506  Financial Statement Analysis
FIN 510*  Financial Management
FIN 515  Financial Markets and Institutions
FIN 521  Investments
FIN 550  Case Studies in Corporate Finance
QM 515  Quantitative Methods

*Students are encouraged to take this course within their first 12 semester credit hours.

MSF Electives/Specializations

All students must complete a minimum of six (6) additional courses, to include at least two ECN or FIN elective courses and at least one ACC or TAX elective course. Students may choose to complete one of the specializations below plus two additional allowable MSF elective courses, or simply take any six of the allowable MSF electives listed below (including two ECN or FIN electives and at least one ACC or TAX elective). Students must meet course prerequisites.

Advanced standing credit awarded for a “course set” can be used to fulfill elective and specialization requirements but will not be designated on the student’s transcript as a specialization. A student will not be awarded a certificate for courses completed for a specialization. A student may elect to obtain a second specialization with a minimum of nine additional semester credit hours. A student who is pursuing a second graduate degree as Walsh will not be awarded a specialization that was previously completed in the first degree.

MSF Specializations

Corporate Finance Specialization

This specialization is designed for students interested in a career in corporate financial management and consulting. Coursework provides an opportunity to learn the advanced skills necessary for performing financially-oriented analytical and managerial functions within the corporate environment. Note: The corporate finance specialization is also intended for students interested in preparing for the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) and Certified Treasury Professional (CTP) certification exams.

Corporate Finance

ACC 505  Managerial Accounting
FIN 504  Financial Theory and Practice

and two from the following:

FIN 512  International Finance
FIN 587  Business Valuation
FIN 589  Certified Treasury Professional Preparation Course
FIN 590  Mergers and Acquisitions
**Economics Specialization**

This specialization enables a student to acquire graduate level skills in utilizing economic principles as a basis for financial decision making. A variety of applied economics courses, including global economics, monetary and fiscal policy, and economic seminars, are available for students selecting this specialization.

**Economics**

ECN 522 Health Economics  
ECN 523 Global Economics  
ECN 527 Managerial Economics  
ECN 575 Public Finance  
ECN 580 Monetary and Fiscal Policy Seminar  
ECN 586 Seminar in Economics

**Financial Services Specialization**

This specialization is designed for the student who desires the graduate-level skills necessary in the financial services industry. This specialization is recommended for students interested in career paths in banking, investment management, investment banking, consulting, real estate, or leasing. Other areas of interest may include investment and lending functions of the insurance industry and the financial service arms of major corporations.

**Financial Services**

Choose any four from the following:  
FIN 509 Bank and Financial Institution Management  
FIN 511 Credit Analysis and Commercial Lending  
FIN 520 Real Estate  
FIN 525 Risk Management  
FIN 526 Derivatives and Risk Management  
FIN 532 Portfolio Analysis  
FIN 589 Certified Treasury Professional Preparation Course

**Personal Financial Planning Specialization**

This specialization is designed for those students interested in a career in personal financial advising and consulting. Note: The personal financial planning specialization allows students to complete additional coursework to prepare for the Certified Financial Planner® certification exam. See section entitled Certificate Programs for course listings and Certified Financial Planner® Certification Exam Requirements.

Choose any four from the following:  
FIN 502 Theory of Financial Planning  
FIN 525 Risk Management  
FIN 580 Financial Planning Applications and Case Study  
TAX 535 Basic Income Tax and Income Tax Planning  
TAX 536 Employee Benefits and Retirement Planning  
TAX 537 The Tools and Techniques of Estate Planning

**MSF Electives**

MSF students must complete six courses from the specializations listed above, and/or from the following electives. All course prerequisites must be followed.

ACC 501, 502, 503, 505, 506  
Any 500-level ECN or FIN course  
TAX 535, 536, 537, 595, 596, 597

**Master of Science in Information Assurance (MSIA)**

The Walsh College Master of Science in Information Assurance (MSIA) degree program combines theory with applied learning, enabling security practitioners to be functional upon completing the degree. The program has been designed to meet the high demand for information assurance professionals in government, corporations, and industry. The program allows students to choose a specialization that fits their professional goals. Students whose undergraduate work was in accounting or finance may wish to pursue the compliance, governance and audit specialization to prepare for the CISA certification offered by the ISACA. Students who wish to focus their careers in law enforcement will find the digital forensics specialization will meet their needs. Executives and high-level managers who plan to be information assurance decision makers will prefer the rigorous chief information security officer specialization.

The MSIA program consists of 12 to 17 courses, depending on a student’s prior education. Students complete five foundation courses (may be taken at Walsh or excluded, depending on a student’s prior education, certifications and/or experience); eight core courses; and a four-course specialization.

The MSIA degree requires a minimum of 24 semester credit hours in core and elective credits in residence at Walsh College.

Further information about CISSP exam requirements can be found at www.isc2.org.

Students with any of the following certificates or licensures may be granted advanced standing or exclusions for:

- Students that have an active CGEIT, CISM, CISSP, and/or CPP certification(s) will not be required to complete BIT 546 and BIT 571-BIT 574.
- Students that have an active CISA certification will not be required to complete BIT 546 and BIT 571-BIT 574 and will also receive advanced standing credit for IA 561, IA 562, IA 563 and IA 564.
- Students that have an active SSCP certification will not be required to complete BIT 546, 572, and 573.
- Students that have an active Security+ certification will not be required to complete BIT 546.
- Students that have the NDU IA 4011 certificate will be awarded advanced standing credit for IA 510, 520, and 540.
Students that have the NDU IA 4011 and 4012 certificates will be awarded advanced standing credit for IA 500, 510, 520, and 540.

Students that have the NDU CISO certificate will be awarded advanced standing credit for IA 570, BIT 561, MGT 501, and BIT 540.

Students that have the CFE certification will be awarded advanced standing credit for IA 551, IA 552, IA 553 and IA 554.

Students that have the CISM certification will be awarded advanced standing credit for BIT 540, BIT 561, IA 570, and MGT 501.

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**MSIA Specialization Courses**

Advanced standing credit awarded for a “course set” can be used to fulfill elective and specialization requirements but will not be designated on the student’s transcript as a specialization. A student will not be awarded a certificate for courses completed for a specialization. A student may elect to obtain a second specialization with a minimum of nine additional semester credit hours. A student who is pursuing a second graduate degree as Walsh will not be awarded a specialization that was previously completed in the first degree.

Choose one specialization from:

**Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)**

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**Digital Forensics**

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**Master of Science in Information Systems (MSIS)**

The Walsh College Master of Science in Information Systems (MSIS) degree is designed for the business professional responsible for planning, integrating, operating and/or improving business information technology systems. The program focuses on using information technologies to enhance an organization’s business activities. Students analyze leading information technology trends and developments, determine the potential implications for business, and define strategies for creating and sustaining a competitive advantage.

Two specializations are available in the MSIS: Information Assurance and Project Management. Students may, but are not required, to focus their elective courses in a specialization. To earn a specialization in one of the following areas, a student must complete the courses listed in each area. Elective courses can be chosen from the list below. Some elective courses may require prerequisites that are not included in the degree program.

Advanced standing credit awarded for a “course set” can be used to fulfill elective and specialization requirements but will not be designated on the student’s transcript as a specialization. A student will not be awarded a certificate for courses completed for a specialization. A student may elect to obtain a second specialization with a minimum of nine additional semester credit hours. A student who is pursuing a second graduate degree as Walsh will not be awarded a specialization that was previously completed in the first degree.

Students with any of the following certificates and licensures may be granted advanced standing or exclusions for:

- Students that have an active CGEIT, CISA, CISM, CISSP, and/or CPP certification(s) will be awarded advanced standing credit for BIT 546 and 571-574.
- Students that have an active SSCP certification will be awarded advanced standing credit for BIT 546, 572, and 573.
- Students that have an active Security+ certification will be awarded advanced standing credit for BIT 546.
Students that have an active PMP certification will be awarded advanced standing credit for BIT 561-564.

The MSIS consists of 12 to 14 courses for a total of 36 to 42 semester credit hours in the program, depending on prior experience or education. It is recommended that the program be pursued sequentially, two courses per semester.

The MSIS degree requires a minimum of 21-24 semester credit hours in core and elective credits in residence at Walsh College.

**MSIS Foundation Courses**

BIT 501 Information Systems Methodology
BIT 502 Program Design and Development

**MSIS Core Courses**

BIT 511* Business Information Technology Trends and Issues
BIT 514 Introduction to Data Analytics
BIT 515 Data Analytics Techniques
BIT 516 Business Process and Systems Engineering
BIT 525 Fundamentals of Networks & Telecommunications
BIT 540 IT Management, Governance, Compliance
BIT 546 Information Systems Security
BIT 599 Capstone Project

* Students are encouraged to take this course within their first 12 semester credit hours.

**Information Assurance Specialization**

Students obtain critical skills by completing courses in building an information protection program, internetworking and application security, information security safeguards and information security auditing and threat assessment. The objectives for students pursuing the information assurance specialization are:

- Research the latest security techniques and apply them to an organizational setting
- Develop expertise in security technology and process controls
- Develop and apply skills and leadership behaviors for developing an information security program within various computing environments
- Design, implement, and evaluate security controls and countermeasures
- Apply the principles of law, policy, and ethics
- Plan, organize, and effectively manage and focus administrative, personnel, physical, and technical resources of organizations to mitigate and measure risks for different computing infrastructures
- Evaluate and diagnose security risk and risk-mitigating strategies
- Plan, develop, and implement sound and appropriate policies and procedures

**Project Management Specialization**

This specialization is based on the five domains and nine project management knowledge areas defined by the Project Management Institute™. The goal of the specialization will be to prepare students to assist organizations with their project management needs while acquiring the knowledge that will prepare them to take the Project Management Professional (PMP) certification exam. Further information about PMP certification requirements can be found at www.pmi.org. Individuals who hold a certificate in project management through the Project Management Institute may be eligible to receive 12 credit hours in advanced standing toward the MSIS degree.

**Project Management Courses**

BIT 561 Fundamentals of Project Management
BIT 562 Project Finance, Estimating, and Cost Management
BIT 563 Project Management Tools and Techniques
BIT 564 Project Leadership and Management

**MSIS Electives**

Students who are not choosing a specialization must complete 12 credit hours from the following courses. In addition, if additional electives are required, they must be selected from the following courses. All course prerequisites must be completed. Students are encouraged to meet with the program director when choosing electives.

ACC 500, 501, 502, 503, 505
BIT 561, 562, 563, 564, 571, 572, 573, 574
FIN 504, 510
MGT 501, 530, 555, 556
TAX 595, 596, 597

**Master of Science in Taxation (MST)**

The Master of Science in Taxation (MST) degree program is designed for professionals seeking to gain comprehensive, practical knowledge of tax accounting, tax law, and tax research, while also achieving a deeper understanding of the broader concepts of tax methodology and tax procedure. The Walsh College MST program is among the most well respected in the nation for its preparation of tax professionals. Walsh’s tax library is among the finest in Michigan with a specialized collection that
makes tax research as easy and convenient as possible. A student may, if he/she chooses, specialize in financial and estate planning, corporate tax, or small business taxation and may choose from 12 different electives. The MST curriculum is continually reviewed and revised to ensure that students are receiving relevant, updated information that will create marketable skills in a fast-paced business environment.

Possible specializations (not required) are:

- Tax Aspects of Financial and Estate Planning
- Taxation of Corporations
- Taxation of Small Businesses and Their Owners

The curriculum includes 23 different tax-related courses. To graduate, a student in the MST program must complete a three-credit foundation course (often waived), eight required three-credit courses, two one-credit research papers, three three-credit elective courses, (or a three-credit thesis), and a one-credit-hour comprehensive seminar, for a total of 36-40 semester credit hours (depending on whether students are required to take TAX 593 and whether the student elects to write a thesis).

TAX 593 (Introduction to Tax and Business Taxation I) or its equivalent is required as a prerequisite to the courses in the MST program. Students who do not have this prerequisite will have the course added as a foundation course. This foundation course will then be required as the first course in the MST program.

The MST degree requires a minimum of 24 semester credit hours of core and elective credits in residence at Walsh College.

**MST Foundation Course**
TAX 593 Tax and Business Taxation I

**MST Required Courses**

**Tax Skill Courses**
TAX 599 Introduction to Tax Research
TAX 500 Advanced Tax Research Writing, and Citation Methodology
TAX 501 The Role of Legal Authorities in Taxation

**Fundamental Core Courses**
TAX 507 Tax Accounting
TAX 509 Sales and Exchanges of Property

**Advanced Core Courses**
TAX 510 Basic Concepts in Corporate Taxation (Corporate Tax I)
TAX 531 Partnership and LLC Taxation
TAX 545 Tax Ethics, Tax Penalties, and the Law of Tax Return Preparation

**Independent Research Courses**
TAX 570* Tax Research Paper (Basic)
TAX 571** Tax Research Paper (Advanced)

*Students must complete TAX 570 no later than concurrently with their seventh MST course and must be taken concurrently with a required MST course.

**Students must have completed 25 semester credit hours. Concurrent enrollment in an MST elective course is required. Students wishing to write a thesis may substitute TAX 573 (Thesis) for TAX 570 and 571.

**Comprehensive Seminar Course**
TAX 575 Comprehensive Seminar – Must be taken in the student’s final semester of the MST program.

**MST Specializations**

Students may, but are not required to, focus their elective courses into a specialization. To earn a specialization in one of the following areas, any three of the courses listed in each area may be selected.

**Tax Aspects of Financial and Estate Planning**
TAX 522 Income Taxation of Trusts and Estates
TAX 524 Valuation for Tax Purposes
TAX 528 Estate and Financial Planning
TAX 558 Qualified and Non-Qualified Fringe Benefits

**Taxation of Corporations**
TAX 511 Advanced Concepts in Corporate Taxation (Corporate Tax II)
TAX 514 Consolidated Tax Returns (Corporate Tax III)
TAX 550 International Taxation
TAX 557 State and Local Taxation

**Taxation of Small Businesses and Their Owners**
TAX 511 Advanced Concepts in Corporate Taxation (Corporate Tax II)
TAX 528 Estate and Financial Planning
TAX 557 State and Local Taxation
TAX 558 Qualified and Non-Qualified Fringe Benefits

**MST Electives**

Nine semester credit hours of elective coursework can be selected from the following:
TAX 511 Advanced Concepts in Corporate Taxation (Corporate Tax II)
TAX 514 Consolidated Tax Returns (Corporate Tax III)
TAX 522 Income Taxation of Trusts and Estates
TAX 524 Valuation for Tax Purposes
TAX 528 Estate and Financial Planning
TAX 540 Tax Practice and Procedure
TAX 550 International Taxation
TAX 557 State and Local Taxation
TAX 558 Qualified and Non-Qualified Fringe Benefits
TAX 583 Directed Study in Taxation
TAX 585 Seminar in Taxation
TAX 588 Internship in Taxation
Dual Master of Business Administration and Master of Science in Finance (MBA/MSF)

Walsh College offers a dual degree program for students interested in pursuing both an MBA and MSF degree at the same time. The Walsh College Dual MBA/MSF program consists of six foundation courses that can be taken at Walsh or excluded, depending on a student’s prior education. The program core consists of 12 courses and a four-course elective requirement.

Students will be required to take the following 22 classes for 66 semester credits required for both degrees. Upon successful completion of all required courses and graduation requirements both degrees will be awarded.

The dual MBA/MSF degree requires a minimum of 36 semester credit hours of core and elective credits in residence at Walsh College.

MBA/MSF Foundation Courses

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MBA/MSF Electives

Complete four courses (not previously completed) from the following: One course must be ECN or FIN:

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MBA or MSF as a Second Degree for Walsh College Students/Graduates

For Walsh College students or MBA or MSF graduates interested in obtaining the MBA or MSF as a second degree, current program course requirements apply. All students will complete a minimum of four courses. Program course time limits and course/prerequisite changes may increase the number of courses required.

Master’s Degree Graduation Requirements

Students must complete the prescribed requirements to graduate with a master’s degree from Walsh College.

- Complete the program of study within a period of 60 calendar months (five years) from the initial date of course enrollment (as designated by the first semester attended on the student’s Walsh transcript). Extensions to this time requirement will only be granted upon review of the request by the director of Admissions and Academic Advising in conjunction with the academic department chair.

- Students preparing for graduation must file an official Application for Graduation Form with the Records and Registration office. Students can make an appointment with an academic advisor to review graduation requirements.

- Students are limited to no more than six semester credit hours of courses in directed study, practicum and/or internships.

Master of Business Administration

- Earn a minimum of 39 graduate semester credit hours, which may include up to a maximum of 12 semester credit hours of advanced standing, therefore requiring 27 semester credit hours of core and elective credits in residence at Walsh College.

- MBA students who completed an MSF at Walsh College within 5 years prior to starting the MBA are allowed a maximum of 27 semester credit hours of advanced standing, therefore requiring 12 semester credit hours of core and elective credits in residence at Walsh College.

- Earn a grade of “C” (2.000) or better in each course counted toward graduation requirements.

- Achieve a cumulative grade point average of “B” (3.000) or better within the degree requirements at Walsh College.

Master of Management

- Earn a minimum of 33 graduate semester credit hours, which may include up to a maximum of nine semester credit hours of advanced standing, therefore requiring 24 semester hours of core and elective credits in residence at Walsh College.
Graduate Degree Programs

- Earn a grade of “C” (2.000) or better in each course counted toward graduation requirements.
- Achieve a cumulative grade point average of “B” (3.000) or better within the degree requirements of Walsh College.

**Master of Science in Accountancy**
- Earn a minimum of 36 graduate semester credit hours, which may include up to a maximum of 12 semester credit hours of advanced standing, therefore requiring a minimum of 24 semester credit hours of core and elective credits in residence at Walsh College. A minimum of 18 semester credit hours in accounting and taxation is required.
- Walsh accounting graduates must earn a minimum of 30 graduate semester credit hours, which may include up to a maximum of 12 semester credit hours of advanced standing, therefore requiring a minimum of 18 semester credit hours of core and elective credits in residence at Walsh College.
- Earn a grade of “C” (2.000) or better in each course counted toward graduation requirements.
- Achieve a cumulative grade point average of “C” (2.000) or better within the degree requirements at Walsh College.

**Master of Science in Finance**
- Earn a minimum of 36 graduate semester credit hours, which may include up to a maximum of 12 semester credit hours of advanced standing, therefore requiring 24 semester credit hours of core and elective credits in residence at Walsh College.
- MSF students who completed a MBA at Walsh College within 5 years prior to starting the MSF are allowed a maximum of 24 semester credit hours of advanced standing, therefore requiring 12 semester credit hours of core and elective credits in residence at Walsh College.
- Earn a grade of “C” (2.000) or better in each course counted toward graduation requirements.
- Achieve a cumulative grade point average of “C” (2.000) or better within the degree requirements at Walsh College.

**Master of Science in Information Assurance**
- Earn a minimum of 36 graduate semester credit hours, which may include up to a maximum of 12 semester credit hours of advanced standing, therefore requiring 24 semester credit hours of core and elective credits in residence at Walsh College.
- Earn a grade of “C” (2.000) or better in each course counted toward graduation.
- Achieve a cumulative grade point average of “B” (3.000) or better within the degree requirements at Walsh College.

**Master of Science in Information Systems**
- Earn a minimum of 36 graduate semester credit hours, which may include up to a maximum of 12 to 15 semester credit hours of advanced standing, therefore requiring 21 to 24 semester credit hours of core and elective credits in residence at Walsh College.
- Earn a grade of “C” (2.000) or better in each course counted toward graduation requirements.
- Achieve a cumulative grade point average of “B” (3.000) or better within the degree requirements at Walsh College.

**Master of Science in Taxation**
- Earn a minimum of 36 graduate semester credit hours, which may include up to a maximum of 12 semester credit hours of advanced standing, therefore requiring 24 semester credit hours of core and elective credits in residence at Walsh College.
- Earn a grade of “C” (2.000) or better in each course counted toward graduation requirements.
- Achieve a cumulative grade point average of “C” (2.000) or better within the degree requirements at Walsh College.

**Dual MBA/MSF**
- Earn a minimum of 48 graduate semester credit hours, which may include up to a maximum of 12 semester credit hours of advanced standing, therefore requiring 36 semester credit hours of core and elective credits in residence at Walsh College.
- Earn a grade of “C” (2.000) or better in each course counted toward graduation requirements.
- Achieve a cumulative grade point average of “B” (3.000) or better within the degree requirements at Walsh College.