

# Graduate Degree Programs

This section of the 2009-2010 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 Finance (MBA/MSF)**

### ***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 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of Management, has required foundation coursework which will be used to establish currency in coursework that may be out of date, and/or to establish the necessary background and skills needed for success in the graduate program.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.
- New students enrolled in the Master of Science in Strategic Leadership Program for Fall 2009, will follow the admission, residency, and graduation requirements set forth in the 2008-2009 catalog.

## **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 non-refundable 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](http://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.

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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 admissions 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.

## Graduate Programs with Additional Admissions Requirements

MAC applicants that have completed their Bachelor of Accountancy degree or Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in Accounting Processes from Walsh College will not be required to submit any additional documentation or complete an accounting assessment exam. See MAC program for Walsh College accounting graduates.

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 completed 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 (MCSA, MCSE)
  - Novell Certification (CNA, CNE, MCNE)
  - CISCO Certifications (CCNA, CCNE, CCIE)
- 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" (2.000) 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

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limited to – professional work experience, professional certifications, and successful academic performance in prior business courses.

Upon 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” (2.000) 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 Guidelines; training; and certifications or professional licensures. 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 receive a program sheet 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” (2.000) 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 effect 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.

Students who were placed on academic probation or academically dismissed must meet with an academic advisor to discuss eligibility for readmission. Please refer to the section on Academic Standing prior to reapplying for admission. Consideration of all prior activity, including student conduct, will be reviewed during evaluation and may be grounds for denial of readmission.

## ‘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. 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

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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.

This option allows courses and grades from the students other 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-compute 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, will have the previously excluded courses and grades re-entered into the student's cumulative GPA.

Courses and grades that were excluded as part of the Clean Slate policy will still be computed in financial aid standards of academic progress calculations.

## 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 issued a new academic program sheet. 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.

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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 or have been approved through the Extra Institutional Credit policy. Graduate courses completed in residence at Walsh College must be completed with a grade of “C” (2.000) or better to be considered for advance standing.
- The course must have been completed within the 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 advanced standing.
- 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.

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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 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.

## MBA Foundation Courses

ACC	500	Financial Accounting
BL	556	Legal Issues in Management
ECN	503	Survey of Economics
MGT	565	Operations Management
MKT	550	Managing the Marketing Function
QM	503	Inferential Statistics for Business Decision Making

## MBA Core Courses

ACC	505	Managerial Accounting
ECN	523	Global Economics
FIN	506	Financial Statement Analysis
FIN	510	Financial Management
MBA	670	Strategic Management Concepts Capstone
MGT	501	Management, Organizational Learning and Change
MGT	530	Ethics in a 21st Century Complex World
MGT	555	Global Human Resources Management
QM	515	Quantitative Methods

## 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, HR, IA, IB, MKT, PM, SL or TAX) or complete the four specific courses listed under a course set within a discipline. A student will not be awarded two specializations for a discipline and a “course set” within that same discipline unless additional courses are taken. A student may elect to obtain a second specialization with a minimum of nine additional semester credit hours.

Credit for a course set that has been awarded as advanced standing to fulfill requirements for a specialization 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.

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. A student who is pursuing a second graduate degree at Walsh will not be awarded a specialization that has been previously completed in the first degree. Advanced standing credit awarded for a “course set” can be used to fulfill elective requirements, but cannot be used to obtain a specialization.

**Accounting** – any four of the following: ACC 501, 502, 503, 506 and TAX 595

**Business Information Technology** – BIT 514, 525, 540 and 546. Note: Students may elect to take BIT 599 in place of MBA 670.

**Economics** – ECN 515, 575, 580, and 586

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

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

**Information Assurance** – BIT 546, 571, 572 and 573

**International Business** – IB 514, IB 535, and choose any two from: IB 562, 563, 564 and 565

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

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

**Strategic Leadership** – any 500-level SL course

**Taxation** – Students must consult with the director of the MST program 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 concentration of study.

The MM program consists of 11 courses for 33 credits.

## 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

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## MM Electives/Concentration Courses

Students may, but are not required to, focus their courses in a concentration. All MM students must complete a minimum of three courses. Students can choose to complete courses from any of the areas listed below for a concentration. Students not concentrating in an area must complete a total of three electives and have the opportunity to develop a customized concentration to address their career needs by selecting any 500-level graduate courses of their choosing. All course prerequisites must be followed.

## Accounting

ACC 500	Financial Accounting
ACC 501	Intermediate Accounting I
ACC 505	Managerial Accounting

## Business Information Technology

BIT 501	Information Systems Methodology
BIT 502	Program Design & Development
BIT 562	Project Finance, Estimating, and Cost Management

## Finance

FIN 502	Theory of Financial Planning
FIN 503	Investment Planning
FIN 525	Risk Management

## Human Resources Management

MGT 556	Organizational Design
MGT 557	Labor Relations
MGT 558	Managing Employee Development and Training

## Information Assurance

BIT 571	Building an Information Protection Program
IA 520	Ethics and Legal Issues for Security Practitioners
IA 570	Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) Skills

## International Business

IB 514	Foundation of International Business
IB 535	International Management

Plus choose one of the following:

IB 562	Culture and Doing Business in China
IB 563	Culture and Doing Business in European Union
IB 564	Culture and Doing Business in India
IB 565	Culture and Doing Business in Japan

## Marketing

MKT 541	Strategic Communication & Public Relations
MKT 542	Consumer Insights
MKT 551	Consumer Behavior

## Project Management

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

## Strategic Leadership

SL 500	Principles of Individual Leadership
SL 510	Principles of Team Leadership
SL 520	Principles of Organizational Leadership

## 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. In addition, students may elect to earn a specialization in Taxation (under "Additional Electives") by completing three courses in tax.

Students may be waived out of the Foundation and some of the Core Courses depending on prior coursework. Based on completed undergraduate accounting courses there may be an assessment exam required to determine where the student will start in the MAC program.

The MAC Program consists of 12-15 courses for 36-45 credits.

## 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
TAX 595	Tax and Business Taxation I
TAX 596	Tax and Business Taxation II

## MAC Electives

Choose three elective courses from the following:

ACC 520	International Accounting
ACC 550	Advanced Auditing
ACC 574	Industry Accounting and Auditing
TAX 597	Tax and Business Taxation III

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## MAC Additional Elective Courses (if needed)

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

## MAC Program for Walsh College Accounting Graduates

10 courses for 30 credits

No assessment or GMAT exam required

### 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 520	International Accounting
ACC 550	Advanced Auditing
ACC 574	Industry Accounting and Auditing
TAX 596	Tax and Business Taxation II
TAX 597	Tax and Business Taxation III

## MAC Additional Elective Courses (if needed)

Choose from any 500-level graduate course, except TAX 593.

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 three 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. A student will not be awarded a certificate for courses completed for a specialization. Some elective courses may require prerequisites that are not included in the degree program. A student who is pursuing a second graduate degree at Walsh will not be awarded a specialization that has been previously completed in the first degree. Advanced standing credit awarded for a "course set" can be used to fulfill elective requirements, but cannot be used to obtain a specialization.

Students may also pursue the Dual MBA/MSF degree (see degree 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. Students with any of the following certificate and licensure 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 Foundation Courses

ACC 500	Financial Accounting
ECN 503	Survey of Economics
QM 503	Inferential Statistics for Business Decision Making

### 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 MSF students must complete a minimum of six additional courses, to include at least two ECN or FIN electives and at least one ACC or TAX elective course. Students can choose to complete four courses from any of the areas listed below for a specialization and take two additional electives in the area of specialization or from the listing below in MSF Required Electives. Students not specializing must complete a total of six electives.

All course prerequisites must be followed

### 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

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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. See section entitled Certificate Programs for course listings.

## Corporate Finance

ACC 505 Managerial Accounting  
FIN 504 Financial Theory and Practice

and two from the following:

FIN 512 International Finance  
FIN 552 Advanced Financial Estimating and Applications  
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 523 Global 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 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.

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

Note: Refer to the Certificate Programs section for details on Certified Financial Planner® certification exam requirements.

## 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. Further information about CISSP exam requirements can be found at [www.isc2.org](http://www.isc2.org). A student who is pursuing a second graduate degree at Walsh will not be awarded a specialization that has been previously

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completed in the first degree. Advanced standing credit awarded for a “course set” can be used to fulfill elective requirements, but cannot be used to obtain a specialization. A student will not be awarded a certificate for courses completed for a specialization.

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 MKT 541.

## MSIA Foundation Courses

BIT	546	Information Systems Security
BIT	571	Building an Information Protection Program
BIT	572	Information Security Safeguards
BIT	573	Information Systems Threat Assessment
BIT	574	Cryptography

## MSIA Core Courses

IA	500	Seminar on Public Sector Security Issues
IA	510	Secure System Architecture and Design
IA	520	Ethics and Legal Issues for Security Practitioners
IA	530	Authentication Technologies and Standards
IA	540	Intrusion Techniques and Defenses
IA	545	Physical Security
IA	547	Seminar on Business Continuity Planning
IA	590	Information Assurance Capstone

## MSIA Specialization Courses

Choose one specialization from:

### **Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)**

BIT	561	Fundamentals of Project Management
IA	570	CISO Skills
MGT	501	Management, Organizational Learning and Change
MKT	541	Strategic Communication and Public Relations

### **Compliance, Governance and Audit**

IA	561	Introduction to Developing an Audit and Governance Plan
IA	562	Compliance Audit and Tools
IA	563	Using Risk Assessment & Informatics for Effective IT Audit
IA	564	Practicum – Conducting an IT Audit

### **Digital Forensics**

IA	551	The Law and Digital Crime
IA	552	Introduction to Structured Digital Forensics
IA	553	Conducting a Cyber Crime Investigation I
IA	554	Conducting a Cyber Crime Investigation II

## 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. A student who is pursuing a second graduate degree at Walsh will not be awarded a specialization that has been previously completed in the first degree. Advanced standing credit awarded for a “course set” can be used to fulfill elective requirements, but cannot be used to obtain a specialization. A student will not be awarded a certificate for courses completed for a specialization.

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.

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- 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.

## 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	Intro 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
- Apply effective principles of audit controls for successful information technology governance
- Prepare to take the Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) exam

## Information Assurance Courses

BIT 571	Building an Information Protection Program
BIT 572	Information Security Safeguards
BIT 573	Information Systems Threat Assessment
BIT 574	Cryptography

## 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](http://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

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## Master of Science in Taxation (MST)

The Master of Science in Taxation (MST) degree program is designed for professionals looking 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 procedures. 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 the finest in Michigan with a specialized collection that makes tax research as easy and convenient as possible. A student may specialize in financial and estate planning, corporate tax, or small business taxation and may choose from more than 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.

The specializations 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 the eight required three-credit courses; two one-credit research papers; three three-credit elective courses (or complete a three-course specialization); and a one-credit-hour comprehensive seminar, for a total of 36 or 39 semester credit hours.

In addition, students who elect not to write a thesis must take TAX 571 (Advanced Tax Research Paper) concurrently with a course in that specialization, when electing to have a specialization.

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.

### MST Foundation Course

TAX 593 Introduction to 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.

\*\*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  
TAX 558 Qualified and Non-Qualified Fringe Benefits

#### 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:

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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 Science in Business Administration and Master of Science in Finance (MBA/MSF)

Walsh College offers a dual degree program for students interested in pursuing both a 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.

### MBA/MSF Foundation Courses

ACC	500	Financial Accounting
BL	556	Legal Issues in Management
ECN	503	Survey of Economics
MGT	565	Operations Management
MKT	550	Managing the Marketing Function
QM	503	Inferential Statistics for Business Decision Making

### MBA/MSF Core Courses

ACC	505	Managerial Accounting
ECN	523	Global Economics
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
MBA	670	Strategic Management Concepts Capstone
MGT	501	Management, Organizational Learning and Change
MGT	530	Ethics in a 21st Century Complex World
MGT	555	Global Human Resources Management
QM	515	Quantitative Method

### MBA/MSF Electives

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

ACC 501, 502, 503, 505, 506

Any 500 level ECN or FIN course (s)

TAX 535, 536, 537, 595, 596 597

### 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 from the initial date of course enrollment. 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 a 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.

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## 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 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 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 “B” (3.000) 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.