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George Herbert Walker School of Business & Technology

Master of Science  
**Forensic Accounting**

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## Forensic accounting is rated as one of the fastest growing niche services in accounting.

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Forensic accountants investigate fraud and other improper activities. They provide litigation support in matters ranging from security law violations and business sale transactions to probate and domestic relations.

Forensic accountants interact with a variety of professionals, including investigators, attorneys, federal and state prosecutors, agents of the FBI and the IRS.

The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics has forecasted an 18 percent growth in the employment of accountants and auditors between 2006-2016. In addition, the Bureau anticipates that due to the increased focus on and the number of financial crimes being committed, the demand for forensic accountants will increase.

Beginning in Fall 2011, Webster University's George Herbert Walker School of Business & Technology will offer a Master of Science in Forensic Accounting that combines accounting with investigation, valuation and law.

## ACADEMICS

The Master of Science in Forensic Accounting program is a rigorous academic series that delivers a combination of knowledge and skills that help prepare you for a career in forensic accounting. It is a broad-based program and is designed to provide you with an understanding of the legal system and the substantive aspects of forensic accounting.

Consisting of 36 credit hours of intense academic immersion, the academic experience is directed by faculty who are experts in their fields.

As a student you will be challenged and stretched by both the faculty and your classmates. We carefully select

high-potential students whose skill sets will complement your own.

You will work collaboratively on coursework and projects and you are encouraged to draw upon the skills, knowledge and backgrounds of your classmates.

This dynamic interplay of interests and strengths increases the value of the experience exponentially for the whole cohort. You will create friendships and professional relationships that will last a lifetime and you will benefit from a broader knowledge base and greater confidence in investigating complex organizational challenges.

Classes are conducted in a format which consists of six, nine-week terms with students taking two courses per term. The entire program can be completed in 18 months.

## PROGRAM CURRICULUM

The Masters of Science in Forensic Accounting curriculum includes courses in criminal and civil investigation, legal procedures, management of evidence, cyber forensics and economic damages. The courses also integrate a variety of cases and role playing exercises with an emphasis on the practical application of investigative concepts.

Graduates of the program will have the tools to participate in successful financial investigations. They will be able to effectively communicate—in writing and orally—a variety of criminal and civil financial matters both in and out of the courtroom.



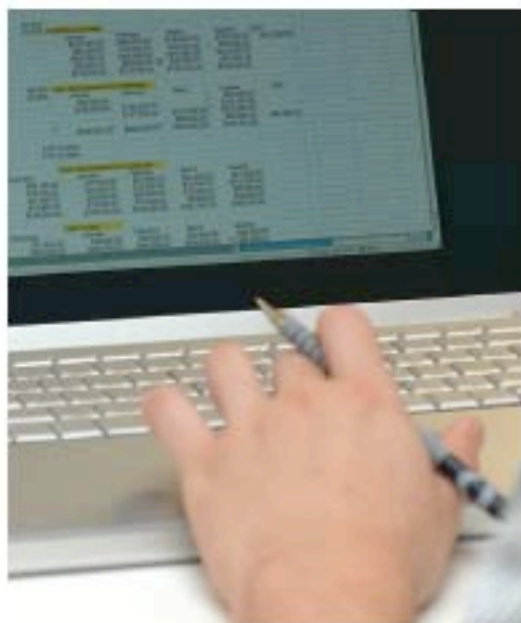
Forensic accountants interact with investigators, attorneys, prosecutors, and agents of the FBI and the IRS.

The Forensic Accounting curriculum is designed to help you acquire the tools, knowledge and experiences that give you a competitive edge in the field of financial investigations.

The following courses are required for the Master of Science in Forensic Accounting:

- ACCT 5000 Introduction to Forensic Accounting
- ACCT 5010 Legal Procedure, Substantive Law and Professional Ethics in Forensic Accounting
- ACCT 5100 Investigation of Financial Fraud
- ACCT 5150 Introduction to Cyber Forensics
- ACCT 5200 Business Valuation
- ACCT 5250 Special Topics in Litigation Accounting
- ACCT 5300 Management and Communication of Evidence and Evidence Related Information
- ACCT 5400 Internal Auditing
- ACCT 5500 Case Studies in Forensic Accounting
- ELECTIVES Two electives that could include such courses as Data Mining or International Criminal Law
- ACCT 5900 Forensic Accounting Capstone

In addition, during the summer break and before you begin the final phase of the program, internships will be available which will enhance and supplement your forensic accounting skills.



Accountants are relying less on traditional accounting services such as taxation and financial statement preparation and more on niche services. It can be a challenging but interesting and exciting profession.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Each Forensic Accounting term will be a "deep immersion" experience that integrates real-life experiences in the forensic accounting field cumulating with the final course in the program requiring you to develop a forensic accounting case and then successfully participate

in a mock trial setting as an expert witness.

In addition, as a graduate of the program, you will also have completed the requirements for taking the Certified Public Accountant examination.

Please note, however, that requirements can vary from state to state. Accordingly, please check the particular requirements in your state.

### **EXPERT FACULTY WITH REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE**

Our faculty have both the academic credentials and real-world experience in the subjects they teach. This gives you the distinct advantage of the latest theory and real-world practice to put you on the cutting edge of this high-growth field.

Webster University's forensic accounting professors are united in challenging you to think critically, embrace change and help shape the accounting field of the 21st century.

### **ULTIMATE FLEXIBILITY**

**Convenient Application Process**—It's easy to apply online. Just visit: [webster.edu/forensicaccounting](http://webster.edu/forensicaccounting).

**Small Classes**—Our cohort is limited to 25 students to create an ideal environment for learning, interaction, and discovery.

**Flexible Payment Options**—Convenient payment options include deferred payment for students eligible for tuition reimbursement through their employer. Veteran's benefits and tuition assistance for active-duty military are accepted.

### **GETTING STARTED**

To be admitted to the Master of Science in Forensic Accounting Program, you must have completed the BS in Business Administration degree or approved equivalent from an accredited institution.

You will also need to have completed accounting and finance oriented courses. Our admissions staff will focus on your GPA in these courses.



Webster University, based in St. Louis, Missouri, is one of only a few universities worldwide to offer a master's degree in forensic accounting.

You will also need to take the GMAT. Your results will be reviewed with a focus on the written communication aspects of the exam. You will also be required to successfully complete an interview.

The inaugural class begins in Fall 2011.

#### YOUR NEXT STEP

Now's the time to call or visit to learn how Webster University can meet your educational needs.

To learn more about the new Master of Science in Forensic Accounting at Webster University, please visit our website at: [www.webster.edu/forensicaccounting](http://www.webster.edu/forensicaccounting)

#### HAVE A QUESTION?

If you need more information regarding the Master of Science in Forensic Accounting program please contact:

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## WEBSTER UNIVERSITY

- Founded in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1915, Webster University has led the way in higher education for working adults for more than 30 years.
- More than 20,000 students from 130 countries attend Webster's network of 100 locations in the United States, Europe, Asia, and online. This offers a wealth of opportunities to exchange information and insight with fellow students from around the world, providing valuable insight into international business practices.
- Webster University serves students at military locations from coast to coast as well as at key metropolitan campuses in 20 states and the District of Columbia.
- Webster University is recognized for outstanding contributions to military education by the Council of College and Military Educators.
- International campuses are located in London, England; Leiden, The Netherlands; Vienna, Austria; Geneva, Switzerland; Bangkok and Hua Hin/ Cha-am, Thailand; and Shanghai, Shen Zhen, and Chengdu, China. With the opening of our Shanghai campus in 1996, Webster University became the first American university approved by the Chinese government to offer the MBA in China.