

2010

KOGOD

MS TAXATION

MS ACCOUNTING



OUR MISSION

At American University's Kogod School of Business, our mission is to:

PREPARE students to develop rewarding careers, and to become active global citizens who value integrity and respect diverse viewpoints and cultures.

PRODUCE highly engaged and well-prepared graduates to lead private, public, and nonprofit organizations.

CONDUCT and publish scholarship for academic and professional audiences.



THE KOGOD EXPANSION

Opened in January 2009, the Kogod School of Business's more than 21,000-square-foot expansion includes three breakout rooms, a mini computer lab, and a career development center, as well as:

7 NEW
WIRELESS
CLASSROOMS

1 BEHAVIORAL
RESEARCH
LAB

3
STUDENT
LOUNGES

THE FINANCIAL SERVICES & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LAB

is equipped with cutting-edge technology, including Thomson Reuters software, allowing students to experience firsthand the speed at which markets move and explore the complexities of international currencies and exchange rates.



INTEGRATED

Unmatched strategic education offerings, including co-curricular and interdisciplinary programs.

QUALITY

Our faculty of distinguished scholars and accomplished professionals maintain the correct balance of teaching and research. We are fully accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

CAREER-FOCUSED

Dedicated career services, and market-driven courses created with continuous input from business, government, and nonprofit organizations.

INTERNATIONAL

A diverse student body from more than sixty countries and faculty with extensive global experience.

ENGAGED

Students, faculty, and staff are among the most driven, involved, and socially conscious of any business school.

PERSONAL

Highly supportive faculty and staff, team-oriented approach, open-door advising, and small class sizes.

THE KOGOD DIFFERENCE

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING

Offered full-time or part-time, the Kogod Master of Science in Accounting (MSA) provides advanced study for accounting and related careers and satisfies most state CPA exam requirements.

Students in the MSA program may add a specialization in Taxation or in Financial Reporting and Assurance. MSA graduates are prepared for responsible professional careers in a wide range of areas, including public accountancy, corporate accounting and finance, governmental accounting, not-for-profits, and consulting.

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CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

The MSA program is a thirty to thirty-six credit hour curriculum that full-time students may complete in one calendar year, including summer classes. Part-time students can complete the program at their own pace, within a three-year period.

Before enrolling in graduate-level accounting courses, students must have completed the following or comparable prerequisite courses. Students who have completed prerequisite courses prior to MSA enrollment may take additional elective courses. In addition to meeting prerequisite course requirements, students must complete core courses or show completion of these courses prior to enrollment.

PREREQUISITE COURSES

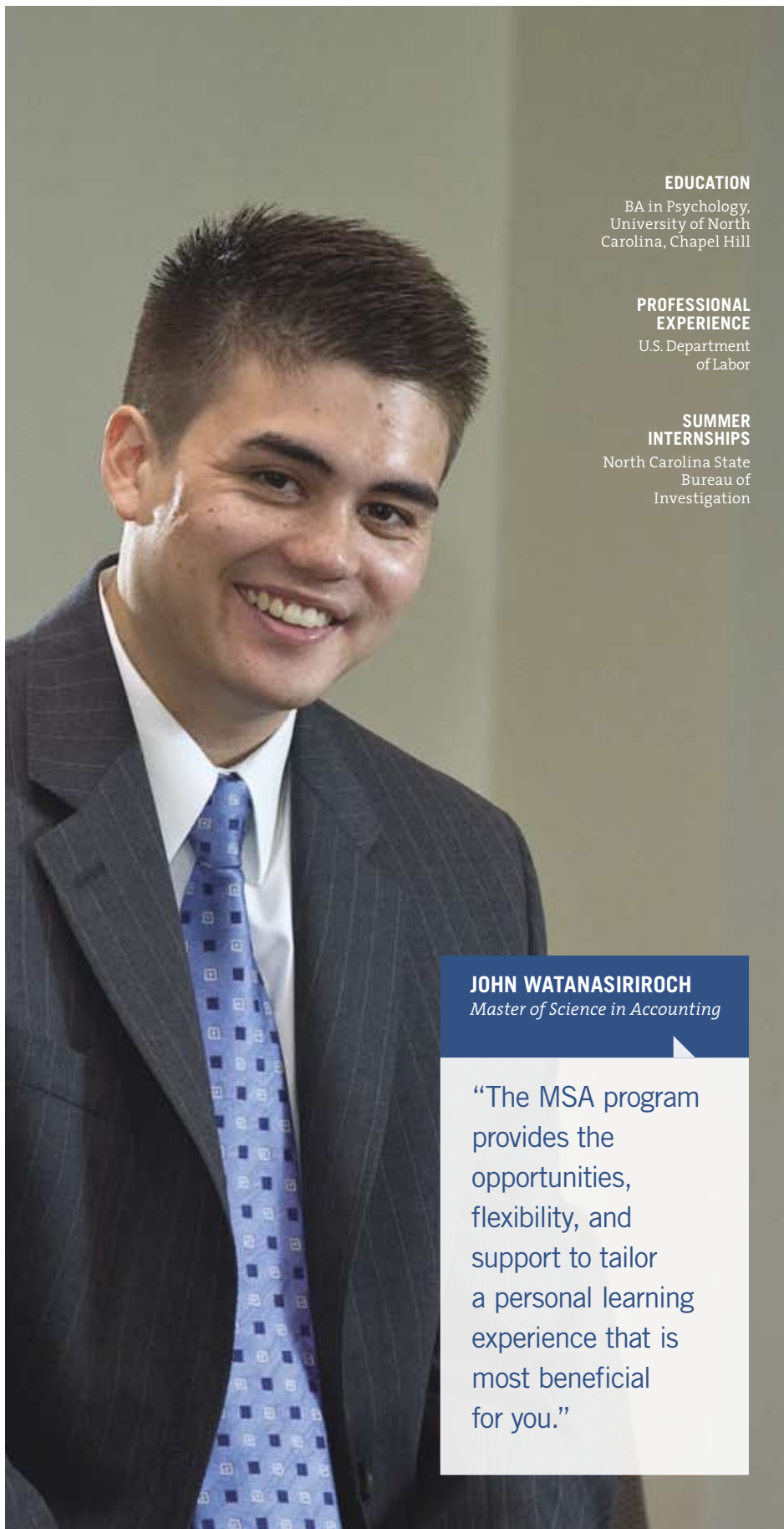
- ✎ Accounting Concepts & Applications
- ✎ Financial Management
- ✎ Managerial Economics
- ✎ Quantitative Methods

CORE COURSES

- ✎ Business Law
- ✎ Contemporary Assurance & Audit Services
- ✎ Corporate Financial Reporting
- ✎ Cost Accounting
- ✎ Seminar in Accounting Theory
- ✎ Tax Planning for Individuals & Business Enterprises

ELECTIVE COURSES

- ✎ Accounting Ethics
- ✎ Accounting Information System
- ✎ Accounting Research & Communication
- ✎ Advanced Auditing & Professional Practice
- ✎ Advanced Business Law
- ✎ Advanced Financial Reporting
- ✎ Contemporary Issues in Financial Reporting
- ✎ Financial Statement Analysis
- ✎ Forensic Accounting
- ✎ Governmental & Not-for Profit Accounting
- ✎ Legislative & Judicial Foundations of Income Tax
- ✎ Modern Management Control Systems
- ✎ State & Local Tax
- ✎ Tax Research & Procedure
- ✎ Taxation of Corporations
- ✎ Taxation of Pass-Through Entities



EDUCATION

BA in Psychology,
University of North
Carolina, Chapel Hill

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

U.S. Department
of Labor

SUMMER INTERSHIPS

North Carolina State
Bureau of
Investigation

JOHN WATANASIROCH

Master of Science in Accounting

“The MSA program provides the opportunities, flexibility, and support to tailor a personal learning experience that is most beneficial for you.”

MSA RECENT EMPLOYERS

- Argy, Wiltse & Robinson
- Aronson & Company
- Beers + Cutler
- Calibre CPA
- Deloitte
- Cherry, Bekeart & Holland
- Ernst & Young
- KPMG
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Reznick Group
- Ross Financial Service
- SC&H Group
- Watkins, Meegan, Drury & Company

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TAXATION

The Master of Science in Taxation (MST) program at Kogod offers students the opportunity to develop a broad and technical competence in federal and state taxation. Intensive professional-level skill building in written and oral communication, information systems technology, and interpersonal relations is emphasized throughout the curriculum.

In addition, the program instills in students the highest standards of personal integrity and professional ethics, and an appreciation of international issues.

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CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

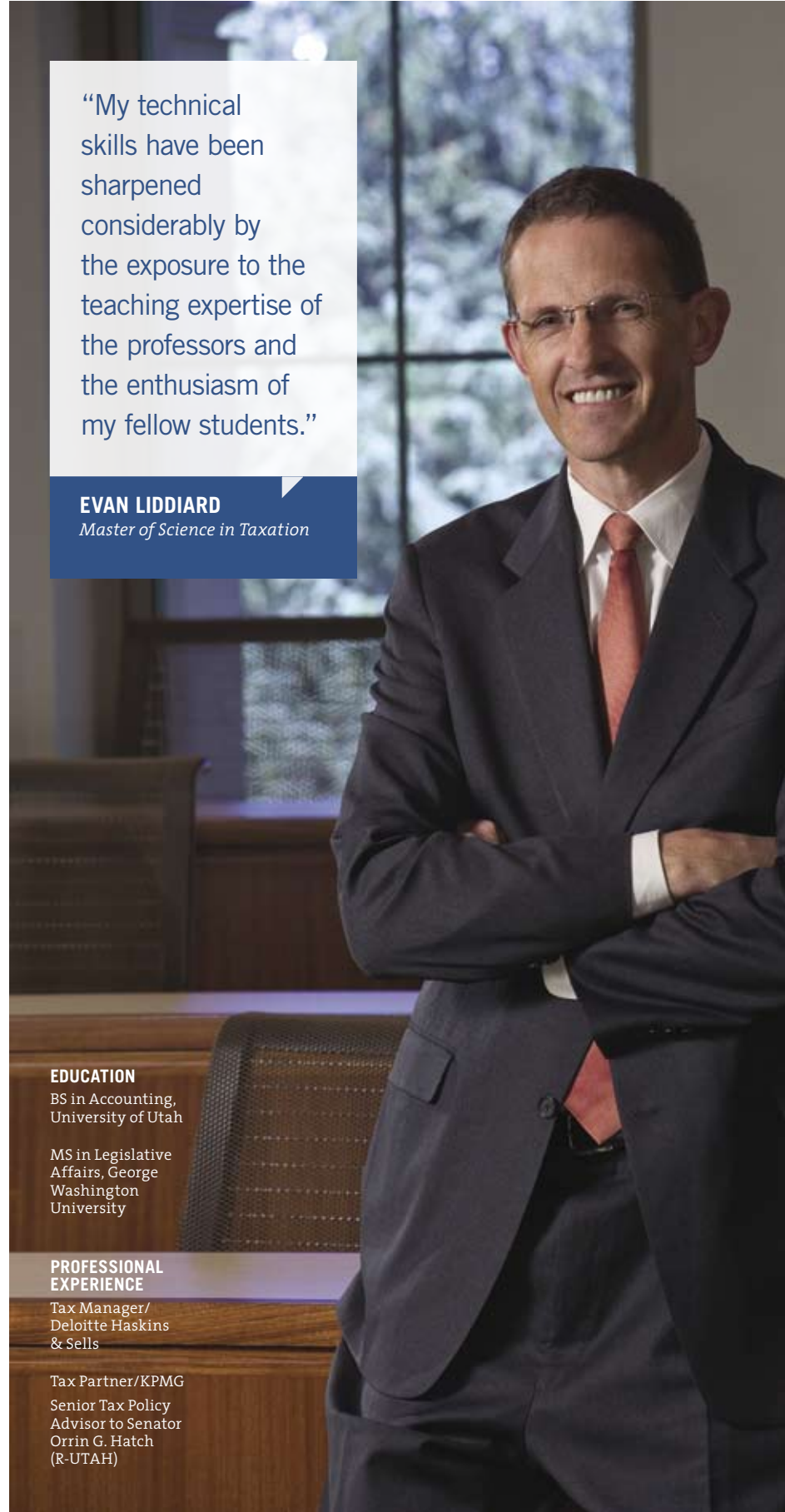
The MST requires thirty credit hours, including two core tax courses, a research component, and other elective courses. Part-time students can complete the program at their own pace, within a three-year period.

CORE COURSES

- ↳ Legislative & Judicial Foundations of Income Tax
- ↳ Tax Research & Procedure

ELECTIVE COURSES

- ↳ Employee Benefit Tax Planning
- ↳ International Taxation
- ↳ Seminar in Business Tax Planning
- ↳ Seminar in Family Financial Planning
- ↳ Special Tax Topics
- ↳ State & Local Taxation
- ↳ Taxation of Corporations
- ↳ Taxation of Real Estate Transactions
- ↳ Taxation of Pass-Through Entities
- ↳ Tax Policy



“My technical skills have been sharpened considerably by the exposure to the teaching expertise of the professors and the enthusiasm of my fellow students.”

EVAN LIDDIARD

Master of Science in Taxation

EDUCATION

BS in Accounting,
University of Utah

MS in Legislative
Affairs, George
Washington
University

**PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE**

Tax Manager/
Deloitte Haskins
& Sells

Tax Partner/KPMG
Senior Tax Policy
Advisor to Senator
Orrin G. Hatch
(R-UTAH)

MST RECENT EMPLOYERS

- ✎ Argy, Wiltse & Robinson
- ✎ BAE Systems
- ✎ Carr America
- ✎ Cherry, Bekaert & Holland
- ✎ Chevy Chase Bank
- ✎ Deloitte
- ✎ Ernst & Young
- ✎ FDIC
- ✎ Friedman Billings Ramsey
- ✎ JE Robert Companies
- ✎ KPMG
- ✎ Marriott International
- ✎ McLean, Koehler, Sparks & Hammond
- ✎ MedImmune
- ✎ NASDAQ
- ✎ Pepco Holdings, Inc.
- ✎ PricewaterhouseCoopers
- ✎ Reznick Group
- ✎ SC&H Group
- ✎ Watkins, Meegan, Drury & Company

RECOGNIZED & REPUTABLE FACULTY

The faculty of Kogod's Department of Accounting & Taxation includes distinguished scholars and able professionals, all dedicated to the highest standard of teaching.

Additionally each year, both MSA and MST classes enhance the curriculum by welcoming distinguished guest speakers. This past year's speakers included Bill Thomas, former Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, Don Korb, former Chief Counsel of the IRS, SEC Professional Accounting Fellow Liz Moberg, Dick Clark, principal in Deloitte's tax practice, AICPA Tax Director Ed Karl, and AICPA Director of Federal Regulatory Affairs Ian MacKay.

↘ Ajay Adhikari

Ph.D.—A recognized expert on international accounting issues and is a past president of the American Accounting Association's International Accounting Section. Teaches courses on financial accounting and international accounting for MBA and MSA students, and has often been recognized by students as Kogod's Outstanding Graduate Professor of the Year.

↘ Emily Lindsay

MSA, CPA—Executive-in-Residence teaches courses in financial and managerial accounting. Serves on the IRS Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee. Has more than twenty years of experience leading significant corporate accounting, and previously worked as an auditor at the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

↘ Steve Rainey

MSA, CPA—Partner-in-Charge of KPMG's Northern Virginia tax practice and leads the firm's national Section 404 efforts. He holds his master's and bachelor's degrees in accounting from the University of Florida and teaches Corporate Income Taxation.

↘ Julia Creighton

MBA, CPA—Based on her extensive experience in SEC and regulatory reporting, has developed the popular Contemporary Issues in Financial Reporting course. Presently Director of Financial Reporting at CapitalSource. Prior experience includes positions at PriceWaterhouseCoopers and Fannie Mae.

↘ George Manusos

MST, CPA—Alumnus of the Graduate Tax Program, he is a partner in the National Tax Practice Office of PricewaterhouseCoopers and teaches a course in Accounting Periods and Methods. He previously served as a Special Assistant in the Tax Policy Office of the Treasury Department.

↘ Donald Williamson

LLM, CPA—Director of the Graduate Tax Program, an award-winning author with 30 years of experience. He teaches Tax Research and Procedure, International Taxation, Business Tax Planning, and Family Financial Planning.



KOGOD CENTER FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Kogod MS students benefit from:

- ✎ For-credit career management courses
- ✎ Personalized coaching and career advisement
- ✎ NYC fall finance and spring marketing trips
- ✎ Career fairs and preparation workshops
- ✎ Networking receptions
- ✎ Career assessments
- ✎ Job search strategies
- ✎ Mock interviews
- ✎ Internships/job search assistance
- ✎ Employer site visits
- ✎ Alumni network
- ✎ CareerSource Web site with internship/job postings

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KOGOD CENTER FOR BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS

Students work with the Kogod Center for Business Communications to develop their academic and professional writing, public speaking, and team presentation skills. Through the Center, students receive individual coaching from seasoned communications specialists.

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KOGOD LEADERSHIP AND APPLIED BUSINESS K-LAB

Kogod believes education should extend beyond the classroom. Hands-on experiences enhance leadership ability, communication skills, and self-confidence. K-LAB allows students to learn valuable professional skills in real-world settings, and includes options to participate in numerous graduate clubs, the Case Competition, the Making a Difference is Our Business community volunteer program, and co-curricular opportunities off campus.



KOGOD CASE COMPETITION

The Case Competition is one of the premier annual events hosted by Kogod. The competition is an excellent opportunity for students to sharpen their communication skills, presentation style, teamwork abilities, and problem-solving techniques. The Center for Business Communications provides workshops and rehearsals. Student competitors enjoy networking with the sixty senior-level business leaders from the Washington, D.C., area who serve as judges.



THE ALAN MELTZER CEO LEADERSHIP SPEAKER SERIES

The Alan Meltzer CEO Leadership Speaker Series brings top business leaders to campus and gives students the opportunity to interact informally with executives following each presentation. Recent speakers have included Dean Factor (KSB '87), CEO & Co-Founder, Smashbox Enterprises, and Mark Murphy (KSB '83), President & CEO, Green Bay Packers.

KOGOD GRADUATE CLUBS & ASSOCIATIONS

- ✎ Graduate Business Association
- ✎ Accounting Club
- ✎ Asian MBA Association
- ✎ Black MBA Association
- ✎ Entrepreneurs Club
- ✎ Hispanic MBA
- ✎ International Business Association
- ✎ JD/MBA Club
- ✎ Kogod Capital
- ✎ Kogod Women in Business
- ✎ Marketing Club
- ✎ Graduate Information Society
- ✎ Net Impact
- ✎ Real Estate Club
- ✎ Society for Human Resource Management
- ✎ Toastmasters

Graduate students have the opportunity to start new clubs and initiatives in the K-LAB as well.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Directions to Campus

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 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW
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WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT MATERIALS?

Admission for MS degrees is open for both the fall and spring semesters.

Apply online at:
kogod.american.edu/apply

DECISIONS

Decisions on all applications are made on a rolling basis. Applicants can typically expect notification within four to six weeks of submitting a completed application.

FINANCIAL AID

American University offers a wide range of financial assistance programs.

For more information, please visit:
american.edu/financialaid

CAMPUS VISITS

We encourage prospective students to visit the American University campus to attend a graduate-level class at Kogod. To register for a class, please visit kogod.american.edu/schedule.

Additionally, graduate information sessions are held throughout the year, both on and off-campus. Visit kogod.american.edu/calendar for a list of upcoming events.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

OCT 30 Spring 2010
 Priority

DEC 1 Spring 2010 Final
 Fall 2010 Priority

FEB 1 Fall 2010
 International

JUL 1 Fall 2010 Final

APPLICATION CHECK LIST

- Current résumé
- Official transcript from all universities attended
- Personal statement
- Two letters of recommendation
- \$100 application fee
- Valid GMAT Score
 (for GMAT waiver policies, visit kogod.american.edu/msa or kogod.american.edu/mst)
- Valid TOEFL or IELTS Score
 (if applicable)



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