

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **What degrees are offered?**

Saint Peter's offers a Master of Business Administration (MBA) and a Master of Science in Accountancy (MSA). The student selects one of the nine concentrations to add specialty to the degree: Business Analytics, Cyber Security, Finance, Human Resources Management, Health Care Administration, International Business, Management, Marketing, or Risk Management. Both degrees offer the opportunity to declare an additional concentration when pursuing 6 additional credits.

### **What accreditation(s) does the University and program have?**

Saint Peter's University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (267) 284-5000. The Middle States Commission on Higher Education is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. Both the MBA and MSA degrees have received specialized accreditation through the International Accreditation Council for Business Education (IACBE) located at 11374 Strang Line Road in Lenexa, Kansas, USA.

### **What are the admission requirements?**

Applicants seeking admission must have an earned bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university, or hold an equivalent degree from an international institution of higher education. All applicants must submit an application, official transcripts certifying the bachelor's degree, a personal statement (500+ words), two letters of recommendation and current resume. We do not require the GMAT or GRE and there is no application fee.

### **How are applications evaluated?**

Admission is based primarily on the documents an applicant has provided so as to demonstrate the necessary preparedness for the successful pursuit of graduate studies. This evidence consists primarily, but not exclusively, in the applicant's prior academic work, professional accomplishments, as well as their professional goals and aspirations. The Program may request an interview as part of the admission process. Applicants will be promptly notified of their admission decision, once a complete application documentation is received by the University.

### **What is the format of the program and the courses?**

Three 11-week trimesters are offered during the academic year (Sept-May) and also a summer trimester. This permits an accelerated attainment of credits over multiple terms instead of two terms in a traditional semester-based academic year. Classes are scheduled once a week for 3 hours and 25 minutes.

### **How many credits are required for the MBA and how long does it take to complete the program?**

The MBA can be completed in as few as 36 credits if twelve (12) credits are waived for prior courses in disciplines covered in the MBA Core where the applicant achieved a grade of B or higher. The program can be completed in 18-24 months when taking two courses each trimester, including summer. Most students take two or three courses per trimester. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required for the degree to be awarded.

### **How many credits are required for the MSA and how long does it take to complete the program?**

The MSA contains 30 credits and the program can be completed in 12-15 months when taking two courses each trimester, including summer. Most students take two or three courses per trimester. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required for the degree to be awarded. Note: There are no course waivers considered towards this degree.

### **What is the current tuition and fees for Academic Year 2018-2019?**

All courses are 3 credits. Tuition is \$1,177.00 per credit plus a technology fee of \$12.00 per credit. Tuition discounts are available for employees of Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield, NJ Transit, Sherwin-Williams, Pershing, BNY-Mellon and participating companies in EdAssist.



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### **What are the special features of the programs?**

- Personalized advisement
- Faculty are industry experts
- Traditional/Hybrid/Online class formats
- Trimester schedule + Summer trimester
- 14-16 average class size
- Add an additional concentration of 6 credits
- Up to 6 graduate credits accepted for transfer
- No GMAT required

### **Is there any special programs for current Saint Peter's undergraduate students to pursue a Master's degree?**

Yes, there are two programs specific to current Saint Peter's undergraduate students. The MBA permits students with any undergraduate major to apply. The MSA is available to accounting students only.

- The Accelerated Program (MBA or MSA) is available to students with a GPA of 3.0-3.39 who have completed 60 credits in the day session or 90 credits in the SPCS program. Two (2) graduate business courses are double counted on both the graduate and undergraduate transcripts within the last 30 credits of the UG degree.
- The Early Graduate School Program (MBA or MSA) is available to students with a GPA of 3.4 and above who have completed 60 credits in the day session or 90 credits in the SPCS program. Four (4) graduate business courses are double counted on both the graduate and undergraduate transcripts within the last 30 credits of the UG degree.

### **When can I enroll? What if I cannot start in the term to which I was accepted?**

We have a policy of rolling admissions that permits students to begin the program in any trimester. Applications and appropriate documents should be submitted no less than three weeks prior to the trimester start.

Fall: Sept – Nov      Winter: Nov – Feb      Spring: Feb – May      Summer: May – Aug

### **Tell me more about the faculty.**

The faculty is comprised of doctorally and professionally qualified instructors. Their backgrounds enhance the educational experience and leverage student professional experiences to deliver a participative learning environment. Classes combine textbook theory with real world situations, promote interpersonal skills, and embrace multi-culturalism in teamwork.

### **My employer offers tuition reimbursement. How is that handled?**

A Company Deferral Promissory Note with company approval documentation is executed by the student prior to each term start. Saint Peter's offers students the ability to defer payment until 30 days after the course has completed. This allows the student to receive the reimbursement and realize minimal out-of-pocket expense.

### **Are there any admission events I can attend?**

Information Sessions and Instant Decision events are regularly offered and a list of upcoming dates can be found at <http://www.saintpeters.edu/rsvp/>

### **Who do I contact if I have additional questions?**

*Admissions Documentation*  
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### **Where can I obtain an application?**

The application is available online at [www.saintpeters.edu/graduatebusinessapplication](http://www.saintpeters.edu/graduatebusinessapplication)

