TAXATION - MASTER OF SCIENCE (MS)

A master’s degree in taxation prepares students to become financial professionals who can help a wide range of organizations thrive. Taxation is extremely important to any company because financial information, as analyzed and interpreted by CPAs, allows executives to make informed business decisions that help companies become more successful. Through our program, our graduates develop specific expertise in the area of taxation by strengthening and enhancing the ability to interpret and communicate information about a company’s operations and finances. Academic experience, combined with a practical internship experience, propels our graduates to be proficient in the "language of business" that is taxation.

MS Program
An MS in taxation primes graduates to become Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) both academically, in terms of preparing for the CPA exam, and by meeting the state of Colorado education requirements for CPAs (as well as those of most other states). For 2015, students from CU Boulder passed the CPA exam at a rate of 79 percent for first-time test takers, which was the number one ranking for schools in Colorado and 14th nationwide.

Concurrent Degree Program
BS in Business Administration/MS in Taxation
Qualified Leeds undergraduate students may apply for a five-year concurrent bachelor's/master's program. Students typically begin the concurrent program in the fall of their senior year, and graduate with both the BS and MS degrees after five years. The concurrent degree program is a 150-credit-hour program. Students earn a BS in business administration (catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/business/programs-study/business-administration/business-administration-bachelor-science-bs) (120 credits) with an emphasis in accounting, finance, or accounting and finance, and an MS in taxation (31 credits).

For more information, visit the Concurrent BS & MS Accounting or Taxation (http://www.colorado.edu/business/academic-programs/undergraduate-programs/accounting/concurrent-bsba-ms-accounting) webpage.

Requirements
The MS taxation degree consists of 10 graduate-level courses. Students can opt to take additional courses. The degree can be completed in 9–20 months, depending on whether the student wants, and is offered, a busy-season (spring) internship.

The following suggested course pathways are recommended based on a traditional starting date (fall semester), completion date (21 months), and undertaking a busy-season internship. Students can deviate from the suggested pathways depending on their personal timeline and experiences.

Prerequisites
Four intermediate-level accounting courses must be completed before starting the master's-level accounting courses.