



Waterford Institute *of* Technology

MBS in Accounting

Department of Graduate Business



The MBS in Accounting at WIT is a one-year taught programme aimed at preparing students for entry into the accountancy profession.

The course is particularly designed for the student who wishes to fast-track a career in accountancy and pursue a professional accountancy qualification. The MBS in Accounting provides students with a specifically tailored programme that will ultimately enable graduates to operate at the highest levels of the profession and assume leadership roles in business.

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Career Opportunities

Traditionally, graduates of this programme continue with their final examinations with one of the professional institutes. This is not surprising as it is one of the key objectives of the course. All of the big 4 firms (Pricewaterhouse Coopers, KPMG, Ernst & Young and Deloitte) have subsequently employed MBS in Accounting students for their graduate training programmes. Upon completion of the training contract students; are then found in a variety of roles ranging from practice to industry to the public sector.

Graduates have also gone direct to industry positions; roles in the internal audit, group reporting, financial accounting and management accounting. Upon completion of the training contract, students are found in a variety of roles, ranging from practice, to industry, to the public sector.

The programme structure

MANDATORY SUBJECTS

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	SEMESTER 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Advanced Financial Reporting- Audit- Finance & Mgmt Accounting- Advanced Taxation- The Professional Accountant- Strategic Information Mgmt- Reporting Environment- Research Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Advanced Financial Reporting- Audit- Finance & Mgmt Accounting- Advanced Taxation- International Study Tour- Strategy & Business Analysis- Research Specialisation <i>(one from the following)</i>- Qualitative Research- Quantitative Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dissertation

The Course

The MBS in Accounting programme at Waterford Institute of Technology provides an outstanding education in accountancy for graduates who wish to continue their studies to an advanced level. The programme is intensive, with a strong emphasis on self-directed learning. On the programme, participants share experiences and knowledge to maximise learning. WIT prides itself on its staff/student interaction; and the participatory and interactive learning creates an exciting and stimulating environment.

Mandatory modules concentrate on the core accounting disciplines: financial reporting, management accounting, taxation, finance and auditing. These are supplemented by a number of elective modules which allow the perspective student to broaden their accounting knowledge into emerging and non-traditional areas. Elective modules include strategic information management, the reporting environment and strategy & business analysis.

Students are also required to complete a dissertation. There is considerable latitude in the choice of subject area, its scope and methodology. Research methods modules support the dissertation and tutors appointed to each individual student provide direction. The dissertation is due for presentation in mid-August.

Who should apply?

Applicants with a high second class honours degree in business with components of Accounting from a recognised Institution. Lower second class honours applications will be subject to short listings and in interview.

"My time at WIT was challenging and rewarding. I certainly worked hard but I also learned a lot. The lecturers and staff were extremely helpful and I felt that they always had my best interests at heart. The standards set were high but this has stood to me in my subsequent working life - in the workplace high standards are always expected. I also developed many other skills (project management, time management, presentations) which are key elements of my daily work. I made lots of friends, many of whom I am still in contact with. I will always look back on my time in WIT with fondness and pride."

**Edel Brewer - BBS Hons and MB in Acc.,
PricewaterhouseCoopers**

Upon graduation Edel Brewer began her career at National Toll Roads. She then moved to PriceWaterhouse Coopers where she works in internal finance supporting the firm's partners and their finance needs.

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