After Alli Wonn completed her undergraduate degree in accounting at Gonzaga, she decided to continue into Gonzaga’s Master of Science in Taxation (MSTax) program. While in the program, Alli not only worked as a Graduate Assistant and Academic Tutor, but she also managed to pass all four sections of the CPA exam! Alli graduated with her MSTax degree in 2017 and started her career at Deloitte as a Tax Consultant. At Deloitte, Alli specializes in investment management and real estate. We invite you to learn more about Alli and her experience in the MSTax program, in her own words…

**Why did you decide to pursue an Master of Science in Taxation degree?**
I decided to pursue an MSTax degree after taking my first undergraduate tax class; it combined everything I loved from my financial accounting courses with the complexity of law and public policy. I had a fantastic experience as an undergraduate student in the accounting program, and I knew that Gonzaga’s MSTax program would provide me with a reputable and specialized degree that I can leverage throughout my career as a CPA. Working in the profession, I love that two situations are rarely the same. This requires me to constantly think of new and creative ways to solve a problem for a client.

**What did you appreciate most about your classes in the MSTax program?**
I cannot emphasize enough how phenomenal the faculty is in the MSTax program! Every professor in the program works not only to ensure that students are proficient with course material, but they also go out of their way to help students with networking, provide career advice, and inform students of upcoming internships and
interviews for full-time jobs. All of the professors have previously worked as public accountants or have practices and business of their own. Their willingness to share their experiences and provide real-world examples helped me to learn the material and prepare for my transition into the workplace.

I accredit so much of my success early in my career to the faculty at Gonzaga!

**How has Gonzaga’s MSTax program helped you in your current position?**

The Gonzaga MSTax program does much more than simply prepare students for their first job out of college; it prepares each person for their career. The professors do a phenomenal job of challenging students to not only understand the concepts, but also to apply them to real-life situations. Professors have high expectations of students which allowed me to practice balancing all of my responsibilities as a student. This definitely helped me when transitioning into the workplace.

Every class I took in the MSTax program helped me hit the ground running on my first day in public accounting. I felt very prepared for what was (and continues to be) asked of me as a tax consultant at Deloitte.

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