

# PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING (M.S.)

The technical skills you need.  
The experience employers want.

These days, the right technical skills and certifications are just the minimum. Employers seek candidates who also have proven their ability to apply accounting knowledge to real-world situations.

For that reason, the Gabelli School Master of Science in Professional Accounting program features interactive learning experiences, requiring students to perform in circumstances that mimic current working conditions. Communication, presentation, and critical-thinking skills receive special emphasis, while internships ensure that students graduate with the experience that top-tier firms are looking for.

The program offers two schedule choices—a one-year full-time program and a part-time program spread over a longer time frame. The part-time program is ideal for professionals who don't want to leave their jobs while they pursue a degree.

## CPA Certification Disclosure

The M.S. in Professional Accounting does not meet the educational requirements for Certified Public Accountant (CPA) licensure alone in any State, but may supplement an undergraduate degree in public accounting to meet the CPA licensure educational requirements of your licensure State of interest. Requirements for the CPA license are subject to State-specific requirements and typically require more than successful completion of educational requirements. CPA licensure candidates must satisfy pertinent additional requirements, contingent on State specificities, including but not limited to completing the CPA application process, submitting payment for all relative fees, passing licensure examinations, and professional experience.

Because undergraduate accounting programs vary, please visit the National Association of State Boards of Accounting website (<https://nasba.org/>) to make certain this holds true for your specific bachelor's degree.

## STEM-OPT Eligibility

The M.S. in Professional Accounting includes two possible tracks. Graduates students holding an F-1 visa who earn the M.S.A. with the Accounting Technology Analytics track will be eligible for a STEM-OPT extension.

To learn more about the M.S. in Professional Accounting, visit the Fordham website.

## Requirements

### Prerequisites

M.S. candidates who have not had any professional training or academic coursework using basic U.S. tax concepts (for example, those who have not taken an U.S. Internal Revenue Service-based tax course in their undergraduate studies) will have the opportunity to take ACGB 7184 Individual and Business Entity Taxation, for 3 credits, as a prerequisite.

Degree candidates whose native language is not English and who have not completed an undergraduate or graduate program in the United States or United Kingdom will have the opportunity to take MSGB 809A Adv Pres and Public Speaking and MSGB 809B Advanced Corporate Communications, both for 1.5 credits.

Depending on past professional training or academic coursework, the following three-credit prerequisite courses may be required:

- ACGB 6111 Fundamentals of Accounting I
- ACGB 7120 Ext Finl Info & Rptg
- ACGB 7105 Financial Accounting
- ACGB 7155 Managerial Accounting Analysis
- ACGB 7184 Individual and Business Entity Taxation

**Please note:** The 3-credit courses and both 1.5-credit courses listed above, as needed, should be taken during the first semester. This increases the number of credits taken prior to completing the M.S., but these courses add significant value.

## Curriculum

The M.S. in Professional Accounting is a 30-credit program. Students' curriculum is driven by the selection of one of two tracks (details below). The program cannot be pursued without one of these two tracks. Recommendations for electives should be determined in conjunction with the program's academic adviser.

## Tracks

Students pursuing the M.S. in Professional Accounting must also pursue one of two tracks listed below. One of the tracks, in Accounting Technology Analytics, also exists as a freestanding Advanced Certificate program.

The track curricula are taken entirely as overlap with the M.S. in Professional Accounting, so that students complete the program with one of the tracks below without taking any additional coursework. (STEM-OPT eligibility for students holding an F-1 visa is only available to students pursuing the M.S. in Professional Accounting with track in Accounting Technology Analytics).

The two tracks are:

- Accounting, Auditing, and Advisory (p. 1)
- Accounting Technology Analytics (p. 1)

**The requirements for each track, when pursued as part of the M.S. in Professional Accounting, are described on the "Tracks" tab (p. 1).**

## Tracks

### Accounting, Auditing, and Advisory Track

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Professional Accounting Courses</b>		
ACGB 719P	Professional Practice Research Seminar	3
ACGB 7171	Auditing of Accounting Systems I	3
	or ACGB 719N Business Risks In A Global Digital Economy	
TXGB 7001	Corporate Taxation	3
	Advanced-level tax elective <sup>1</sup>	3
ACGB 7125	Financial Statement Analysis	3

**Accounting, Auditing, and Advisory Track Courses**

ACGB 719D	Accounting Information Systems	3
ACGB 719G	Audit Data Analytics	3
<i>One of the following four courses:</i>		3
ACGB 7128	Advanced Financial Statement Analysis	
ACGB 7140	Valuation of Intangibles	
ACGB 7185	Derivatives and Analytics for Accounting	
BLGB 7320	Business Law II	
ACGB 719F	Accounting Controls	3
ACGB 7176	Advanced Audit Concepts and Practices	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>30</b>

<sup>1</sup> Advanced-level tax electives have the subject code TXGB and are numbered 7002 or higher.

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## Accounting Technology Analytics Track

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Professional Accounting Courses</b>		
ACGB 719P	Professional Practice Research Seminar	3
<i>Select one of the following:</i>		3
ACGB 7171	Auditing of Accounting Systems I Advanced-level accounting or tax elective <sup>1</sup>	
TXGB 7001	Corporate Taxation or BLGB 7320 Business Law II	3
	Advanced-level tax elective <sup>2</sup>	3
ACGB 7125	Financial Statement Analysis	3
<b>Accounting Technology Analytics Track Courses</b>		
ACGB 7176	Advanced Audit Concepts and Practices	3
ACGB 719G	Audit Data Analytics	3
ACGB 719D	Accounting Information Systems	3
ACGB 7185	Derivatives and Analytics for Accounting	3
ISGB 799V	R Statistical Programming	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>30</b>

<sup>1</sup> Advanced-level taxation electives have the subject code TXGB and are numbered 7002 or higher.  
Accounting electives have the subject code ACGB and are numbered 7000 or higher, except ACGB 7184 Individual and Business Entity Taxation and ACGB 7105 Financial Accounting. A list of accounting and taxation courses can be found in the academic areas page.

<sup>2</sup> Advanced-level tax electives have the subject code TXGB and are numbered 7002 or higher.