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 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

The M.S. in accounting may supplement an undergraduate degree in public accounting to meet the 150-credit-hour educational requirement for the New York State CPA examination. Because undergraduate accounting programs vary, however, please visit the National Association of State Boards of Accounting website to make certain this holds true for your specific bachelor’s degree.

STEM-OPT Eligibility

The M.S. in accounting includes four possible tracks. Graduates students holding an F-1 visa who earn the M.S.A. with the accounting technology analytics track or the evaluation methodology advisory track will be eligible for a STEM-OPT extension.

To learn more about the M.S. in 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.

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

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

Curriculum

The M.S. in accounting is a 30-credit program consisting of the courses below.

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Total Credits: 30

¹ Advanced-level tax courses have the subject code TXGB and are numbered 7000 or higher. Advanced-level accounting courses have the subject code ACGB and are numbered 7000 or higher, except ACGB 7184 Individual and Business Entity Taxation. A list of accounting and taxation courses can be found in the academic areas page.

² Advanced-level business courses have the course code is XXGB, where XX is a two-letter combination representing the department.

Recommendations for electives should be determined in conjunction with the program’s academic adviser.

Tracks

Students pursuing the M.S. in accounting may also pursue one of four tracks listed below. Each curriculum exists either as a freestanding certificate program or as a track for students in the M.S. in Accounting program. The curricula may be taken entirely as overlap with the M.S. in accounting, so that it is possible to 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 accounting with tracks in accounting technology analytics or in evaluation methodology advisory.)

The four tracks are:

- Accounting Advisory
- Evaluation Methodology Advisory
- Auditing and Assurance
- Accounting Technology Analytics

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