

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

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The 12-credit graduate certificate in government accounting provides an opportunity for students to acquire education in the field of government accounting with a federal government emphasis. George Mason is uniquely situated in the federal government space. Additionally, courses in the certificate program will also help prepare students to sit for the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) exams sponsored by the Association of Government Accountants (AGA).

Courses taken in the government accounting certificate program can be applied towards the 10-course master's degree program.

To verify if this certificate currently qualifies for Title IV Federal Financial Aid please visit the unit website (<https://business.gmu.edu/programs/graduate/admissions/>).

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

All students registering for School of Business graduate courses must have graduate standing. Non-degree student status is not available.

Full eligibility and admission requirements can be viewed on the program website (<http://business.gmu.edu/masters-in-accounting/government-accounting-certificate/>).

Policies

Students may use the credits completed as part of their graduate degree requirements in accordance with program requirements and AP.6 Graduate Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>). A maximum of 3 graduate credits taken at another institution can be transferred to the graduate certificate. The time limit for completion is six years from the date of admission to the graduate certificate. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.00 to complete the certificate.

Graduate level courses offered by the School of Business cannot be audited.

Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 12

This certificate may be pursued on a part-time basis only.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
ACCT 672 or ACCT 792	Governmental and Nonprofit Accounting ¹ Seminar in Accounting	3
ACCT 611	Advanced Issues in Managerial Accounting	3
ACCT 742	Governance and Ethics	3
ACCT 772	Federal Accounting and Reporting	3
Total Credits		12

¹ Students who completed ACCT 672 or equivalent in their undergraduate or other graduate program must take ACCT 792 Seminar in Accounting instead.