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The Rutgers Business School Master of Accountancy in Governmental Accounting is a flexible, online accounting program for people who are looking to advance their accounting careers in the public or nonprofit sectors. Ranked #4 Best Online Masters in Accounting Degrees in nation, the flexibility and convenience of the program puts the power in your hands to earn your degree at your own pace.

Taught by industry leaders, our program is designed to prepare you in the rapidly expanding field of government financial management, accounting, and auditing. At just 30 credits, you can earn your degree in as little as a year, while fulfilling the additional credits required to sit for the New Jersey CPA exam.

Students who complete the program will have the opportunity to gain the Chartered Public Finance Accountant (CPFA) credential that will allow them to work in public finance positions around the world.

Faculty Profile: Irfan Bora

Professor Bora is the former Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance and Management at the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission where he managed the financial operations of the agency and served as the administrator of the Meadowlands Intermunicipal Tax Sharing Formula. He has helped direct the Masters Degree Program in Governmental Accounting as its Associate Director for over 10 years. He was instrumental in developing the online component of the program making it the first complete online graduate program at the Rutgers Business School.

Professor Bora has taught courses in governmental accounting and auditing and design and development of information systems. He brings into the classroom public financial management expertise covering a broad spectrum of experience with real-world applications and strong relationships with leaders in the field thus offering students career advice and planning.

Curriculum

Our program requires the completion of 10 courses (30 credit hours) -- seven required courses (21 total credits) and three elective courses (9 total credits). Our curriculum has been developed with the input of leaders in government financial management. Many of the courses have been designed and are taught by these experts, and case studies and real-world examples are essential components of the program. In addition, students participate in virtual team projects and are often presented with the opportunity to assist with standard-setting research.
**Sampling of Courses**

**Core:**
- Accounting for Managers
- Advanced Topics in Governmental Accounting
- Concepts in Auditing
- Design and Development of Information Systems
- Ethical Issues in Public Financial Management
- Government Budgeting Systems
- Governmental Accounting and Auditing
- Public Financial Management
- Public Sector Auditing

**Electives:**
- Advanced Design and Development of Information Systems
- Applied Public Finance
- Federal Financial Management
- Management Control in Nonprofit Organizations
- Public Sector Forensic Accounting
- Special Topics: Governmental Financial Analysis
- Special Topics: Independent Study in Public Financial Management

**Certificate Program**

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**Admissions**

Program candidates should have a bachelor’s degree in accounting or related work experience in knowledge areas typically covered in an undergraduate accounting degree. Admission to the program is competitive, and candidates must meet the graduate admissions requirements of Rutgers Business School.

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**Program Quick Facts**

**Program:** Part-time  
**Format:** 100% online  
**Credits:** 30 credits (10 courses)  
**NASACT (National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers)**

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