



# CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER LEADERSHIP



The U.S. Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Council, in conjunction with the DOD Comptroller, launched the CFO Academy in the summer of 2008 at the NDU College of Information and Cyberspace (CIC). The CFO Academy offers graduate-level courses and services for middle- to senior- level personnel in the government financial management community to prepare them to create and lead 21st Century government organizations. All CFO Academy programs support and comply with DOD Comptroller's Financial Management Competencies.

The primary educational programs offered by the CFO Academy are the CFO Leadership Certificate and the CFO concentration in the Government Information Leadership (GIL) Master of Science degree program. The CFO Leadership Program is noted for a strategic leadership curriculum that is dynamic and relevant to the evolving needs of the government financial management community, including personnel who work in accounting and finance, budget formulation and execution, cost analysis, auditing, and resource management. It focuses on current and future challenges and opportunities facing government financial professionals. The program highlights the changing role of CFOs as organizational leaders of 21st century government.

### ***Successful CFO graduates will be able to:***

- Lead within and across organizational boundaries by leveraging financial resources, information, technology, human resources for strategic advantage;
- Achieve the goals of the Department of Defense financial management certification by evaluating the development and implementation of financial management strategies, policies, processes, operations and systems;
- Lead in an ethical manner at the enterprise level by linking critical decisions regarding resources, people, processes, and technologies to mission performance, decision support, information assurance, financial reporting, and financial systems security requirements;
- Synthesize theory and best practices from government, private sector, and not-for-profits to achieve organization's missions, and
- Communicate at the strategic level demonstrating command of the topic, logical organization, compelling argument, and excellence in English grammar and syntax.

### **GIL Master of Science Degree: CFO Concentration**

The 36 credit curriculum of the Government Information Leader (GIL) Degree offers a combination of information management, technology, and leadership intensive courses in a collaborative and interactive environment. Students earn the Master of Science degree by successfully completing twelve (12) courses.

**7** Required Courses

**1** Technology Course

**2** Management Courses

**2** Leadership Courses

#### **Minimum Admissions Eligibility Criteria:**

- Bachelor's degree (3.0 GPA minimum)
- Civil service pay grade of GS-14 or officer rank of O-5
- 3 years of financial management experience

For more information refer to the CIC website or catalog.

**GIL Master of Science Degree**  
**CFO Concentration Requirements (12 Courses)**

<b>Foundational (3)</b>	<i>NSC</i> (6329)	National Security and Cyber Power Strategy
	<i>OCL</i> (6321)	Organizational Culture for Strategic Leaders
	<i>CAP</i> (6700)	Capstone
<b>Core (4)</b>	<i>BCP</i> (6606)	White House, Congress, and the Budget
	<i>CFE</i> (6601)	Changing World of the CFO
	<i>FFR</i> (6607)	The Future of Federal Financial Information Sharing
	<i>RIA</i> (6608)	Risk Management, Internal Controls and Auditing for Leaders
<b>Leadership (Take 2)</b>	<i>AII</i> (6203)	Information Assurance and Critical Infrastructure Protection
	<i>ARC</i> (6412)	Enterprise Architectures for Leaders
	<i>DMG</i> (6323)	Decision Making for Government Leaders
	<i>IPL</i> (6411)	Information Technology Program Leadership
	<i>LDC</i> (6301)	Leadership for the Information Age
	<i>MAC</i> (6512)	Multi-Agency Information-Enabled Collaboration
<b>Management (Take 2)</b>	<i>SLP</i> (6318)	Strategic Leader Theory and Practice
	<i>COO</i> (6504)	Continuity of Operations
	<i>ITP</i> (6416)	Information Technology Project Management
	<i>PFM</i> (6315)	Capital Planning and Portfolio Management
	<i>SPB</i> (6328)	Strategic Performance and Budget Management
<b>Technology (Take 1)</b>	<i>PRI</i> (6333)	Strategies for Process Improvement
	<i>DMS</i> (6414)	Data Management Strategies and Technologies
	<i>SEC</i> (6201)	Cyber Security for Information Leaders
	<i>WGV</i> (6435)	Web- Enabled Government: Facilitating Collaboration and Transparency

