



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 iCollege. 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 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.

Students may apply their certificates, for up to 15 graduate-level credit hours, toward select Master’s or Doctoral degree programs at several partner institutions of higher education. See the Academic Partner page on the NDU iCollege website (under academics) for additional information.

CFO Certificate

Courses are based on each CFO competency. Students work with their supervisors and the iCollege’s Academic Advisor to tailor their program to fit their professional and/or organizational needs. Students earn the CFO Certificate by successfully completing six (6) courses:

4	Required Courses	2	Electives
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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 select the courses, which correspond to the College’s CFO certificate program.

12	Required Courses
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5	Areas of Study
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Programs



The Global Hub for Educating, Informing, and Connecting Information Age Leaders.

Students

- DoD military and civilian
- Private Sector
- Non-DoD Federal Agency, state and local government
- International Defense Ministries

Flexible Options

- On Campus (eResident)
- On-Line (Distributed Learning, DL)
- Customized Services and Seminars
- Hybrid eResident and DL
- 14-week CIO Leadership Development Program

Information Leadership Graduate Education

- More than 30 courses, over 200 offerings per year
- Master of Science in Government Information Leadership
- Chief Information Officer competencies
- Chief Financial Officer competencies
- Cyber Security and Cyber Leadership
- IT Program Management

Laboratories

- Attack and Defend
 - Cyber Security
 - Ci Center

Academic Partnerships

The college partners with nearly 40 U.S. universities that accept 9, 12, or 15 graduate credits for iCollege certificates towards Master's and Doctoral/PhD degrees at their institutions. See the iCollege website (Academics tab) for specific degree information and contacts at each partner university. Many partners offer resident, online, full-time and part-time options. In addition, Global Information Assurance Certification (GIAC), an affiliate of SANS, accepts each iCollege course as 12 Certification Maintenance Units (CMUs).



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