

FINANCE (ADVANCED CERTIFICATE)

The finance industry has undergone a significant transformation in the sophistication of its product offerings and how it manages those products with regard to customer/investor requirements. The days of basic banking and insurance products have given way to portfolio management, financial analysis, hedging with derivatives, and fundamentals of risk management. Students who complete the Finance Certificate will gain the conceptual knowledge and quantitative skills needed to enter or advance their careers in the financial services industry. Upon completion, the courses and credit hours earned can also be applied to the requirements for the Master of Business Administration program.

Students completing the Finance Certificate will:

- Develop an integrated understanding of financial markets, investments, portfolio management, and risk management
- Develop an understanding of how firms make investment decisions and finance assets
- Develop strong quantitative skills and advanced capabilities with Excel

Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
Preparatory Courses ¹		
ACC 505	Financial Accounting	3
ECO 503	Statistics for Managers with Excel	3
Required Courses		
FIN 608	Corporate Finance ²	3
FIN 620	Investment Management	3
FIN 622	Financial Institutions and Markets	3
Total Credits		15

¹ Up to 6 credit hours of preparatory courses can be waived depending on prior course work. The Director of Graduate Business Programs will evaluate student transcripts for waivers.

² Students can be waived out of FIN 608 and will take FIN 617 or FIN 622.

First Year

Fall	Spring
ACC 505	FIN 608

ECO 503

Second Year

Fall
FIN 622
FIN 312