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**

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**Total Credits**

15

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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**

ACC 505

**Spring**

FIN 608

**Second Year**

**Fall**

FIN 622

FIN 312