

Option in Finance

Whittemore School: BS in Business Administration

The Finance Option provides students with opportunities in a variety of disciplines including banking, insurance, corporate finance, investment management, and risk management. Finance majors are in excellent demand. The goal of the finance option is to expose the student to all three major branches of finance: investments, corporate, and financial institutions. At the same time, the option allows the student some flexibility in choosing courses, including additional Accounting and Finance courses. The option helps students planning to sit for the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Level I exam, the Certified Financial Manager (CFM) exam, and the Certified Financial Planner (CFP) exam.

Finance professionals concern themselves with investments, financing and organizational restructuring decisions in business firms, financial institutions, pension funds and governmental entities. They also are responsible for monitoring the financial performance of firms to make sure other managers use capital effectively. Graduates with a strong financial background face a wide range of job opportunities in investment firms, banks, corporations, federal, state and local governments, public policy institutes, and international development institutions.

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Required
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACFI 701 Financial Policy• ACFI 702 Investments Analysis
In addition, two of the following:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACFI 703 International Financial Management• ACFI 704 Derivative Securities and Market• ACFI 705 Management of Financial Institutions

Students desiring an even stronger focus in finance should consider taking additional courses in Accounting and Finance (and from other departments in the Whittemore School). Please consult with the faculty coordinator of the finance option to discuss specific interests.

Course Descriptions

ACFI 701. Financial Policy

Development of analytical tools and practical skills for recognizing and solving complex problems of business finance. Working-capital management, capital budgeting, cost of capital, capital structure, and dividend policy. Prereq: ADMN 601. 4 cr.

ACFI 702. Investments Analysis

Security valuation, efficient markets, portfolio management, options, and alternative investments. Computer research topics. Prereq: ADMN 601. 4 cr.

ACFI 703. International Financial Management

Financial management problems facing multinational firms. Primary focus on effects of currency denominations on financial decisions. Prereq: ADMN 601. 4 cr.

ACFI 704. Derivative Securities and Markets

Derivative assets and markets, and their role in business decision-making and portfolio management. Emphasis on practical and theoretical aspects of hedging and speculating using futures and options for both commodities and financial assets, including their market mechanics. Prereq: ACFI 702. 4 cr.

ACFI 705 Management of Financial Institutions

The financial management of financial institutions, e.g., commercial banks, mutual funds, etc., and their intermediary role in financial markets. Emphasis is placed on the mutual fund business. Prereq: ADMN 601. 4 cr.