DEGREE(S)

+ Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in business administration, concentration in finance

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The field of finance encompasses three closely related perspectives:
+ How businesses raise and invest capital.
+ How individuals allocate their savings among different investment alternatives.
+ How markets function to equate the demand for capital by firms and the supply of capital by investors.

The finance program offered by Saint Louis University's John Cook School of Business prepares students for successful careers in finance in the ever-increasing global economy. In addition to gaining professional finance knowledge, students will develop strong analytical, communication, problem-solving, decision-making and electronic spreadsheet skills for success in today's environment. Through the management of $1,000,000 in University endowment funds, senior-level students have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in evaluating common stocks as investments and in the fiduciary management of investment assets.

Within the finance concentration, two tracks are available:
+ Financial Analysis: Prepares students to pass the CFA exam
+ Financial Planning: Prepares students to pass the CFP exam

ABOUT THE FACULTY

The faculty is at the center of our efforts to provide a challenging, high-quality educational experience, with one of the major strengths being that the faculty members are academically prepared in their special field of finance and have professional experience in a variety of work settings. Many classes include applying theory to real-world situations.

CURRICULUM

In addition to fulfilling the requirements for the B.S. in business administration degree, the finance concentration requires 18 hours in addition to FIN 3010: Principles of Finance.

This core coursework includes:
+ FIN 3330: Fixed Income Securities and Markets
+ FIN 3630: Equity Securities and Markets
+ FIN 4230: Financial Management
+ FIN 4650: Derivative Securities and Markets

Plus two of the following elective courses:
+ FIN 3140: Insurance
+ FIN 3160: Real Estate
+ FIN 4250: International Financial Management
+ FIN 4330: Financial Analysis and Modeling
+ FIN 4440: Financial Planning
+ FIN 4530: Advanced Financial Management
+ FIN 4630: Applied Portfolio Management
+ FIN 4730: Financial Markets and Institutions
+ FIN 4910: Finance Internship

The financial analysis track within the finance concentration prepares students to pass the CFA exam. Both the financial analysis and financial planning tracks consist of a set of six finance and two accounting courses, along with two electives.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Freshman: All applications are thoroughly and carefully reviewed. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary criterion in reviewing a freshman applicant’s file. College admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student’s ability to meet the University’s academic requirements and to qualify the student for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be approaching graduation from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer: Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester hours (or 30 quarter hours) of college credit. Those having completed 24 hours or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant’s file, the office of admission holistically examines the student’s academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

WHY CHOOSE THIS PROGRAM?

Our urban location provides many internship opportunities, which allow students to gain career-related work experience while applying classroom experiences to practice. Most are paid and students may earn academic credit. Supervised by both a representative from the organization and a faculty mentor, students have interned with banks, securities firms and non-financial corporations.

The department supports the Finance Club, which provides students with the opportunity to learn about the different career paths in finance as well as the opportunity to network with finance professionals from the area.

Possible career paths include:
+ Public finance
+ Commercial loan officer
+ Corporate finance officer
+ Financial analyst
+ Financial planner
+ Real estate lender
+ Securities broker

Our graduates have been extremely successful on the Series 7 exam and on other professional exams that are necessary for certain career paths in finance. Graduates join a global network of nearly 20,000 alumni from Saint Louis University’s John Cook School of Business.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:
+ Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
+ Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.

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+ Master of Business Administration (MBA), emphasis in finance
+ Master of Science in Applied Financial Economics (M.S.-A.F.E.)
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