

FINANCE CONCENTRATION

The concentration in finance provides students with the analytical tools and conceptual framework needed to evaluate financial transactions and make financial decisions within firms. The academic program allows students to understand finance from three interrelated perspectives:

- Financial management related to capital budgeting, financial structure, financial analysis, working capital management, and dividend policy.
- Investment and portfolio management related to the valuation of stocks, bonds, and derivative contracts and the construction of efficient portfolios.
- The money and capital market related to the issuance and investment in financial instruments by banking organizations with emphasis on the consequence of interest rates and interest rate structure on valuation and risk.

Upon successful completion of the program, students might apply for professional positions such as credit analyst, equity analyst, or financial analyst with governmental agencies, for-profit corporations, and investment banks. Finance also provides an excellent foundation for graduate study in business, economics, public policy, and law.

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled for the concentration in finance: 15 credits in required and selected courses; at least 9 of these credits must be taken in residence. All concentration courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C-.

Concentrations are only available to GWSB students. See Concentrations (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/business/#regulationstext>) under GW School of Business Undergraduate Regulations in this Bulletin for additional information.

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
FINA 3001	Intermediate Finance	
FINA 3101	Investment and Portfolio Management	
FINA 4001	Advanced Financial Management	
or FINA 4001W	Advanced Financial Management	
Two courses selected from the following:		
FINA 3201	Exploring Finance with Simulation	
or FINA 3201W	Exploring Finance with Simulation	
FINA 3301	Money and Capital Markets	
FINA 3401	A Brief History of Finance	

or FINA 3401W	A Brief History of Finance
FINA 4101	Applied Financial Securities Analysis
FINA 4102	Investing in Real Estate Investment Trusts
FINA 4103	Quantitative Investing
FINA 4104	Foundations of Venture Capital
FINA 4201	Real Estate Investment
FINA 4301	Financial Derivatives
FINA 4900	Special Topics
or FINA 4900W	Special Topics