

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 (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/business/#regulationtext>) under GW School of Business Undergraduate Regulations in this Bulletin for additional information.

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| 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:

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| 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 |

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| 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 |