Finance Concentration

Finance involves the study of business finance, investments, and financial institutions. The finance concentration develops the skills necessary to work at a high level of expertise in all areas of finance, in both the private as well as public sectors: asset management; commercial and investment banking in an international context; the financial management ('treasury function') of commercial and industrial enterprises as well as of financial institutions; the financial aspects of venture capital as well as of mergers and acquisition; and in most aspects of management consulting in both the domestic as well as the international sectors.

The finance concentration prepares students for such positions as financial analyst, commercial lender, portfolio manager, and trust officer. The concentration in finance also equips students well for careers in law and government, and not simply in the private sector. Finance students can also prepare for Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) certification by taking additional courses in business administration beyond those required for the finance concentration.

Certified Financial Planner®

To qualify for the Certified Financial Planner[®] Certification Examination, the CFP[®] Board of Standards requires that a person have a baccalaureate degree from a four-year accredited university or college, 15 semester units in financial planning subjects, and another 12 units in related business courses (i.e., accounting, economics, and finance).

The following courses are recommended to prepare for the CFP® exam and meet the minimum 15 units in financial planning courses:

BUS 4028	Investment Principles	
BUS 4032	Taxation: A Business Perspective (SL)	
BUS 4051	Retirement and Estate Planning	
BUS 4052	Insurance Planning and Risk Management	
BUS 4054	General Principles of Financial Planning	

For details concerning the CFP® exam, you may contact the CFP® Board of Standards at (800) 487-1497 or visit the Board's Web site at **www.cfp.net**.

Finance Concentration Requirements

Four required 3-unit courses:		12
BUS 4027	International Corporate Finance	
BUS 4028	Investment Principles	
BUS 4053	Advanced Corporate Finance	
BUS 4055	Financial Markets and Institutions	
Three additional units from the following:		3
BUS 4030	Intermediate Accounting I	

BUS 4051	Retirement and Estate Planning	
BUS 4052	Insurance Planning and Risk Management	
BUS 4054	General Principles of Financial Planning	
BUS 4922	Special Topics: Finance	
BUS 4996/4912/4914	Internship/Senior Project/Thesis	
Total Finance Concentration		15 units
Total Business Administration BA Major with Finance Concentration		65 units

Reminder: 124 units required to graduate. 48 of the 124 must be "Upper Division" (3000-4000).