

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS
MBA PROGRAM

FINANCE CONCENTRATION

The Finance Concentration consists of three approved electives. [Prerequisite: FIN 6300]

Two required Finance electives:

FIN 6302 Investment Strategy

FIN 6321 Commercial Bank Management

OR

FIN 6303 Seminar in Financial Markets and Institutions

Plus ONLY ONE **FIN 4000G** or another **6000-level** approved elective.

Some **4000G-level** choices are:

FIN 4222G Cash & Liquidity Mgmt

FIN 4232G Capital Budgeting

FIN 4307G Portfolio Analysis

FIN 4308G Speculative Markets

FIN 4322G Money & Capital Markets

FIN 4362G International Finance

FIN 6395 Moffett courses also count, but are 1 credit each, so all 3 courses will need to be taken to get 3 credits.

OR

Any **FIN 6000-level** course

Double Concentration

- **FIN 6309** or **FIN 4362G** International Finance may count for both the Finance Concentration and the International Business Concentration.

Restricted Courses

These courses CANNOT be used toward the finance concentration

- **FIN 4400** (MBA foundation course)
- **FIN 6311, FIN 6312, FIN 6313, FIN 6314, FIN 6315, FIN 6317, FIN 6318, and FIN 6319** (Doctorate courses)
- **Students cannot take FIN 6350** Health Care Financial Mgmt. This course only counts towards the Masters of Science in Health Care Management Program.

Approved Electives - Brief Course Description

FIN 4222G Cash and Liquidity Management

The course contains an examination of the theory and practice of working capital management. Topics include cash management, credit and accounts receivable management, collections and cash concentrations, short-term investments and borrowing, forecasting cash flows, financial risk management, and international cash management.

FIN 4232G Capital Budgeting

An examination of the analytical methods used to evaluate the economic worth of capital investments. The course focuses on capital budgeting under uncertainty and in imperfect markets and includes topics such as capital rationing, inflation, leasing, and strategic management.

FIN 4307G Portfolio Analysis

A demonstration of portfolio analysis techniques are used by individuals and institutions. The course will utilize the computer to demonstrate and explore the various implications of portfolio analysis.

FIN 4308G Speculative Markets: Options and Futures

The course is an examination of the organization structure of speculative markets and the performance of speculative assets. Topics include the institutional nature of options and futures markets; investment and hedging strategies; and the valuation of options on stocks, interest rates, and futures contracts as well as the analysis of commodity, interest rate, stock index, and foreign exchange futures prices.

FIN 4310G Personal Financial Planning

Prerequisite: FIN 3300. An examination of a broad range of topics in personal financial planning including: client interactions, time value of money applications, personal financial statements, cash flow and debt management, asset acquisition, education planning, overview of risk management investment planning and retirement planning, special circumstances, plan integration, ethics, and the business of financial planning.

FIN 4311G Insurance Plan & Risk Mgmt

Offered each semester. A course focused upon the consumer interest in an interdisciplinary approach to the subjects of pure risk and decision-making with emphasis upon planning family insurance programs. Principal topics include the impact on the family of economic risk, the private insurance mechanism, government benefit programs, and specific types of insurance coverage of importance to the family. Specific attention is focused upon such financial instruments as life insurance, health insurance, automobile insurance, and insurance for the home. Consumer issues related to the private insurance mechanism and government benefit programs are considered. The roles of economic facts and consumer attitudes in making decisions among alternatives also will be explored.

FIN 4322G Money & Capital Markets

The money and capital markets their composition regulation and operations; their influence in modern business; sources and uses of funds; commercial paper; acceptances; bank loans; call loans; negotiable certificates of deposit; investment banking and the Securities and Exchange Commission; the open market functions and activities of the Federal Reserve System.

FIN 4362G International Finance

This course examines the financial operations of the firm from an international point of view. It draws upon topics such as exchange rate determination, foreign exchange exposures (risks) for the multi-national firm and techniques to hedge such exposures, international bond, equity and currency markets, trade documentation, and international capital budgeting.

FIN 6302 Investment Strategy

Prerequisite: FIN 6300. The course provides an analysis of such topics as portfolio theory, capital asset pricing models, Arbitrage Pricing Theory, efficient capital market theory, option pricing theory, future contracts and markets, and the securities market.

FIN 6303 Seminar in Financial Markets and Institutions

Prerequisite: FIN 6300. An overview of the processes at work within the financial system, its major participants, its procedures for assessing and pricing risk, and its role in the allocation of credit to different financial sectors.

FIN 6309 International Financial Mgmt

Geared for the MBA or other graduate students interested in a graduate level course emphasizing the managerial aspects of international finance. Students enrolled in the Ph.D. program in Financial Economics cannot use this course in their graduate program of study, and no students will receive graduate credit for both ECON 4262G/FIN 4362G and Finance 6309.

FIN 6321 Commercial Bank Management

The course provides an examination of the role of commercial banking in the economy and advanced theoretical and applied analysis of commercial bank management.

FIN 6333 Real Estate Finance and Marketing Feasibility Analysis

The course is a survey of the physical characteristics and the market, economic, and financial considerations which enter into the decision process for selecting business locations; addresses the allocation of land resources among a number of possible revenue-producing uses and the impact of location considerations on the profitability of the firm. An extensive field research project is an integral part of the course.

FIN 6355 Sem Risk Management & Insurance

A comprehensive study of management of non-speculative risks in the business enterprise with emphasis on insurance as a tool. Topics covered include concepts of risk and insurance; risk analysis; treatment of risk control and financing; analysis of insurance contracts, group insurance and pensions; and investigation of insurance market.

FIN 6395 Spec Topics in Finance

An intensive study of selected special topics in Finance. Topics will vary based on contemporary needs as dictated by the discipline as well as the interests of the students and the instructor. Section number will correspond with credit hours to be earned.

FIN 6635 Sem Fin Econ Anly Real Estate

An intensive study of real estate appraisal and evaluation, supply and demand factors affecting land use, the economics of land use, taxes and land use decisions, government and other external forces affecting land use, real estate investment and development decisions, and property analysis for investment decisions.

FIN 6670 Sem Mortgage Mkts & Real Estate Fin

Topics in primary and secondary market behavior and underwriting, mortgage loan underwriting, mortgage futures and options, tax exempt mortgage funds, interim and development loan analysis, and cash flow analyses.

FIN 6391 Directed Independent Studies

Prerequisite: consent of department. This tutorial is arranged individually in order to provide latitude for specialized study and research. May be repeated for credit.

FIN 6394 Internship in Finance

Prerequisite: 15 hours of MBA courses with at least a 3.0 GPA and consent of the department. The student will work a minimum of 150 hours during the semester at the site of a participating organization that directs the intern in a specific finance project. Students must in addition engage in extensive outside research in the subject area related to their internship and submit a substantial report on this research reflecting a graduate level of learning. Enrollment is limited. May not be repeated for credit.

Student may not receive graduate credit for both FIN 4362G and FIN 6309. This course examines the financial operations of the firm from an international point of view. It draws upon topics such as exchange rate determination, foreign exchange exposures (risks) for the multi-national firm and techniques to hedge such exposures, international bond, equity and currency markets, trade documentation, and international capital budgeting.

Note: Please check with your MBA Advisor the availability of the electives per semester. Make sure to check the course catalog online for more updated information regarding course descriptions.