

FINANCE CONCENTRATION

Requirements

Primary Concentration

The concentration in finance consists of five advanced courses¹ for a total of 15 credits. Courses are recommended to be selected based on a specialization, as detailed in the next page.

FNGB 7421 Prins of Modern Finance is a prerequisite course for many advanced-level courses and is strongly recommended.

Secondary Concentration

The secondary concentration consists of any three advanced level courses¹ from the finance area, for a total of nine credits.

¹ Courses can be any class with the code FNGB that is a 7000 level or above. A list of courses can be found in the academic areas page.

Specializations

Specializations represent groups of courses that reflect the interests of students pursuing particular careers. They are not formal requirements, but they represent the general recommendation of the faculty for pursuing particular career areas.

Corporate Financial Management

Appropriate for students interested in corporate financing decisions and financial analysis.

| Course | Title | Credits |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| FNGB 7421 | Prins of Modern Finance | 3 |
| FNGB 7422 | Corporate Finance | 3 |
| FNGB 7423 | Mergers, Acquisitions, and LBOs | 3 |
| Two courses from this list | | 6 |
| FNGB 749C | Venture Capital Financing | |
| FNGB 74AN | Investment Banking | |
| FNGB 74AJ | Global Risk Management | |
| Total Credits | | 15 |

Investment Management

Intended for students interested in the evaluation of securities and non-financial assets, portfolio management, and trading in financial markets.

| Course | Title | Credits |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| FNGB 7421 | Prins of Modern Finance | 3 |
| FNGB 7431 | Options and Futures Markets | 3 |
| FNGB 7433 | Fixed Income Analysis | 3 |
| FNGB 7460 | Portfolio Management | 3 |
| One additional course | | 3 |
| Total Credits | | 15 |

Students considering a career in investment management should be aware of the importance of obtaining their Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation from the CFA Institute in Charlottesville, Virginia. The CFA is awarded upon satisfactory completion of a series of examinations on ethical, financial, economic, legal, fixed income, and equity valuation

and portfolio-management issues. Details of the CFA program can be obtained from the finance faculty. Graduate business courses included in the investment management specialization cover many topics required for the CFA tests.

Completion of the MBA concentration in Finance (p. 1) does not directly grant CFA professional licensure in any State or territory. CFA Institute eligibility requirements requires that a candidate must have a bachelor's (or equivalent) degree, or be in the final year of his or her bachelor's degree program at the time of registration. Enrollment in the CFA Program or registration for any level of the exam are found at the CFA website: www.cfainstitute.org. The final CFA Charterholder designation requires successfully passing all three levels, (Levels I, II, III) of the exam, and meet the experience requirement specified by the CFA Institute.

To learn more about the CFA charter, please refer to the CFA Institute website.

Management of Financial Institutions

Suggested for students interested in careers in banking.

| Course | Title | Credits |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| FNGB 7415 | Credit Management | 3 |
| FNGB 7441 | Money Credit Interest Rates | 3 |
| Special Topics courses, for example: | | 9 |
| FNGB 74AJ | Global Risk Management | |
| Total Credits | | 15 |

International Finance

Designed for students seeking careers with multinational companies and international financial organizations.

| Course | Title | Credits |
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| FNGB 7455 | Global Finance | 3 |
| FNGB 7458 | Contemp Issues Globl Fin | 3 |
| Three additional advanced courses. For example: | | 9 |
| FNGB 749U | Global Financial Markets | |
| FNGB 74AH | Global Corp Governance | |
| FNGB 74AJ | Global Risk Management | |
| FNGB 74AQ | Adv Global Portfolio Mgt | |
| FNGB 74AT | Fintech Compliance- Asia to Us | |
| FNGB 74AI | Global Equity Portfolio Management | |
| FNGB 74AK | Raising Capital and Investing in Global Financial Markets | |
| FNGB 74AY | Global Financial Markets | |
| Total Credits | | 15 |

Real Estate Finance

Structured for those pursuing careers in real estate development, underwriting, and institutional acquisitions.

| Course | Title | Credits |
|---|-------------------------|---------|
| FNGB 7421 | Prins of Modern Finance | 3 |
| FNGB 7470 | Real Estate Finance | 3 |
| Three additional advanced finance courses. For example: | | 9 |

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| FNGB 74AP | Real Estate Capital Markets |
| Total Credits | 15 |