

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
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

FNGB 74AP	Real Estate Capital Markets
Total Credits	15