FINANCE AND BUSINESS ECONOMICS

Located in New York City, the world’s financial capital, the Gabelli School of Business prepares students for a wide range of careers within the financial services industry. Students may choose from three broad career orientations in the field of finance to focus their academic pursuits: corporate finance, investment management, and financial institutions.

- Corporate finance courses are appropriate for students interested in the investment and financing decisions of business firms and nonprofit organizations. They emphasize the development of analytical techniques and an understanding of how the economic environment influences day-to-day and long-term financial decisions.
- Investment management is intended for students primarily interested in the evaluation of securities and the management of portfolios. Here, the focus is on the relationship between the economic environment and the valuation of securities.
- The financial institutions program is offered in cooperation with the economics department and is intended to serve commercial banks, insurance companies, and other financial institutions not generally covered under corporate finance and investment management.

Students who want to include finance as a component of their degree have multiple options, each of which offers a specific level of depth and structure. Finance may be studied as a major, a primary concentration, or a secondary concentration. The finance area also houses additional areas of concentration that represent growing niche areas within the financial field.

How courses are counted

Students must note the following policy for how courses are counted. A student may count a maximum of one class in fulfilling more than one purpose—that is, toward any combination of major, minor, and primary or secondary concentration. For example, only one economics class could count toward both a finance major and an economics minor; any additional economics class would count toward the finance major OR the economics minor, but not both. Similarly, one management class could count toward both a primary concentration in management and a minor in sustainable business, but any subsequent management class would not count toward both. Any exceptions to these rules will be posted within the specific area major, minor, or concentration requirements.

For more information

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