

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

The Department of Finance at Saint Louis University's Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business (<https://www.slu.edu/business/>) prepares students to understand how capital is raised, allocated and managed in an increasingly complex, global financial system. Finance encompasses the functioning of financial markets, the valuation of assets and the management of risk, and the program emphasizes analytical thinking, data-driven decision-making and sound professional judgment.

At the undergraduate level, students may pursue a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Finance, with concentrations in financial analysis, real estate finance and financial planning. Students develop strong technical and professional skills through coursework in investment analysis, financial modeling and risk management, supported by hands-on experiences such as Bloomberg Market Concepts certification, access to Bloomberg terminals in the Edward Jones Data Analytics Lab and participation in the Applied Portfolio Management course, where select students manage a portion of the University's endowment. At the graduate level, the Master of Science in Finance provides advanced training in areas such as financial modeling, machine learning applications, algorithmic trading and fintech analytics, preparing students for leadership roles across investment, corporate finance and emerging financial technologies.

The department is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute University Affiliated Program, reflecting alignment with professional standards and preparation for the CFA examinations. This designation signals that the curriculum is closely connected to industry practice and emphasizes ethical and professional decision-making. Less than 300 U.S. schools are CFA University Affiliated Programs. Students also benefit from engagement with industry practitioners, mentoring opportunities and access to a strong professional network, positioning graduates for successful careers across the financial services industry.

Programs

Undergraduate Programs

- Finance, B.S.B.A. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/business/finance/finance-bs/>)
- Finance, Minor (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/business/finance/finance-minor/>)

Graduate Programs

- Finance, M.S. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/business/finance/finance-ms/>)
- Finance, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/business/finance/finance-post-baccalaureate-certificate/>)
- Financial Planning and Modeling, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/business/finance/financial-planning-modeling-post-baccalaureate-certificate/>)
- Real Estate Finance, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/business/finance/real-estate-pbc/>)

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