

FINANCE, B.S.

The field of finance encompasses three closely related perspectives: how businesses raise and invest capital; how individuals allocate their savings among different investment alternatives; and how markets function to equate the demand for capital by firms and the supply of capital by investors.

The nationally ranked finance program at the Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business (<https://www.slu.edu/business/>) prepares students for successful careers in finance in the increasingly global economy. Within the finance major, students may elect to pursue the financial analysis concentration, which helps prepare students to pass the CFA exam. Students may also elect to pursue the real estate finance concentration.

CFA University Affiliated

The Department of Finance is a CFA University Affiliated Program. This initiative is a relationship between the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute and select colleges and universities around the world (only 246 U.S. schools are CFA University Affiliated Programs) that have embedded a significant percentage (70%) of the CFA Program Candidate Body of Knowledge into their degree programs.

Additionally, affiliated institutions have committed to covering CFA Institute ethical and professional standards in these degree programs. Recognition as a CFA University Affiliate provides a signal to potential students, current students and the marketplace that the university curriculum is closely tied to professional practice and is well suited to preparing students to sit for the CFA exams.

Curriculum Overview

Students majoring in finance at the Chaifetz School of Business gain professional finance knowledge and develop strong critical thinking, communication, problem-solving, decision-making and data analysis skills for success in today's environment.

Students monitor and analyze real-time financial data with industry-standard Bloomberg terminals in the state-of-the-art Edward Jones Data Analytics lab. As part of their major coursework, finance majors utilize Bloomberg Market Concepts learning modules available on the Bloomberg terminals and achieve certification at no additional charge. Senior-level students have the opportunity to gain additional hands-on experience in evaluating common stocks as investments and the fiduciary management of investment assets through the management of \$1+ million in University endowment funds.

Internships/Student Organizations

Saint Louis' metropolitan location provides many internship opportunities, which allow students to gain career-related work experience while applying classroom experiences to practice. Most are paid, and students may earn academic credit. Supervised by both a representative from the organization and a faculty mentor, students have interned with banks, securities firms and non-financial corporations.

The finance department supports the Finance Club, which provides students with the opportunity to learn about the different career paths in finance as well as the opportunity to network with finance professionals from the area.

Careers

Possible career paths with a degree in finance include:

- Public finance
- Commercial loan officer
- Corporate finance officer
- Financial analyst
- Financial planner
- Real estate lender
- Securities broker

SLU graduates have been extremely successful on the Series 7 exam and on other professional exams that are necessary for certain career paths in finance. Graduates join a global network of nearly 20,000 alumni from the Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business.

Admission Requirements

Freshman

Begin your application for this program at www.slu.edu/apply (<http://www.slu.edu/apply.php>). Saint Louis University also accepts the Common App.

All applications are thoroughly and carefully reviewed. Solid academic performance in college preparatory coursework is a primary criterion in reviewing a freshman applicant's file.

To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be graduating from an accredited high school, have an acceptable HiSET exam score or take the General Education Development (GED) test. Beginning with the 2021-22 academic year, undergraduate applicants will not be required to submit standardized test scores (ACT or SAT) in order to be considered for admission. Applicants will be evaluated equally, with or without submitted test scores.

Transfer

Begin your application for this program at www.slu.edu/apply (<http://www.slu.edu/apply.php>).

Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit. Those having completed 24 credits or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s).

Transfer students must have a cumulative 2.70 GPA to be admitted to the accounting program and a 2.50 GPA for all other majors. In reviewing a transfer applicant's file, the office of admission holistically examines the student's academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student's ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

International Applicants

Begin your application for this program at www.slu.edu/apply (<http://www.slu.edu/apply.php>).

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students along with the following:

- You must demonstrate English Language proficiency (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency/>).
- Proof of financial support must include:
 - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding your time at Saint Louis University.
 - A letter from the sponsor's bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of your study at the University.
- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include the courses taken and/or lectures attended, practical laboratory work, the maximum and minimum grades attainable, the grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations, and any honors or degrees received. WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

- Scholarships:** Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
- Financial Aid:** Financial aid is provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at <https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid> (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/>).

Accreditation

The Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the world's largest business education alliance and accrediting body of business schools, ensuring continuous quality improvement in terms of curriculum, instructional resources, student selection, career placement and intellectual contributions and qualifications of the faculty. Fewer than 5% of business schools worldwide have achieved AACSB accreditation.

Learning Outcomes

- Graduates will be able to understand essential business concepts and how the various functional areas of business are related.
- Graduates will be able to demonstrate knowledge of ethical concepts and corporate social responsibility and be able to evaluate business problems from multiple ethical perspectives.
- Graduates will be able to identify and structure business problems and propose actionable solutions to business problems and when applicable utilizing appropriate technology.
- Graduates will be able to demonstrate effective written communication.
- Graduates will be able to understand how cultures, politics, laws, ethics, and economies influence and impacts business and use tools and concepts to analyze and formulate an international business strategy.
- Graduates will be able to gather data and perform analysis needed to value any real or financial asset.

- Graduates will be able to understand the value of, and tools and techniques for implementing, risk management strategies.

Requirements

Standard Track

Eighteen credits in addition to FIN 3010 Principles of Finance (3 cr), which is taken as a business Common Body of Knowledge (CBK) requirement, are required.

Code	Title	Credits
	Business Common Body of Knowledge (CBK) (p. 3)	45
	Arts and Sciences Core Requirements (p. 4)	48
Finance Major [†]		
FIN 3330	Fixed Income Securities and Markets	3
FIN 3630	Equity Securities and Markets	3
FIN 4230	Financial Management	3
FIN 4650	Derivative Securities and Markets	3
Finance Elective Courses		
	Select two of the following:	6
FIN 3140	Insurance	
FIN 3160	Real Estate	
FIN 4160	Commercial Real Estate	
FIN 4250	International Financial Management	
FIN 4440	Financial Planning	
FIN 4630	Applied Portfolio Management [*]	
<i>Electives in Business or Other Areas</i> [‡]		9
Total Credits		120

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Course enrollment is by application only.

†

In addition to completing lower and upper division coursework in all areas of business, each student typically selects a business major before or during the first semester of the junior year. Required credits vary between 18-21 credits and are determined by the appropriate department. To broaden their expertise, students may complete more than one major in business, or a major and a minor in business. However, outside of the Business Common Body of Knowledge (CBK), a **maximum** of one business course (3 credit hours) may be used to fulfill requirements in two business majors/minors.

‡

Electives may be selected from any area of study within the University, giving the student the opportunity to diversify his/her background.

Financial Analysis Concentration

Twenty-one credits in addition to FIN 3010 Principles of Finance (3 cr), which is taken as a business CBK requirement, are required.

Code	Title	Credits
	Business Common Body of Knowledge (CBK) (p. 3)	45
	Arts and Sciences Core Requirements (p. 4)	48
Finance Major [†]		
FIN 3330	Fixed Income Securities and Markets	3
FIN 3630	Equity Securities and Markets	3
FIN 4230	Financial Management	3
FIN 4630	Applied Portfolio Management [*]	3

FIN 4650	Derivative Securities and Markets	3
ACCT 3110	Financial Reporting I [§]	3
ACCT 4110	Financial Reporting II [§]	3
<i>Electives in Business or Other Areas</i> ‡		6
Total Credits		120

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§
In addition to course prerequisites, a minimum 2.7 cumulative GPA is a prerequisite for 3000 and 4000 level accounting courses.

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Electives may be selected from any area of study within the University, giving the student the opportunity to diversify his/her background.

Real Estate Finance Concentration

Eighteen credits in addition to FIN 3010 Principles of Finance (3 cr), which is taken as a business CBK requirement, are required.

Code	Title	Credits
Business Common Body of Knowledge (CBK) (p. 3)		45
Arts and Sciences Core Requirements (p. 4)		48
Finance Major †		
FIN 3160	Real Estate	3
FIN 3330	Fixed Income Securities and Markets	3
FIN 3630	Equity Securities and Markets	3
FIN 4160	Commercial Real Estate	3
FIN 4230	Financial Management	3
FIN 4650	Derivative Securities and Markets	3
<i>Electives in Business or Other Areas</i> ‡		9
Total Credits		120

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In addition to completing lower and upper division coursework in all areas of business, each student typically selects a business major before or during the first semester of the junior year. Required credits vary between 18-21 credits and are determined by the appropriate department. To broaden their expertise, students may complete more than one major in business, or a major and a minor in business. However, outside of the Business Common Body of Knowledge (CBK), a maximum of one business course (3 credit hours) may be used to fulfill requirements in two business majors/minors.

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Continuation Standards

Finance students must maintain a 2.00 cumulative grade point average (GPA) in all courses used to fulfill the major.

Students will be on program probation if their GPA in major courses used to fulfill major requirements falls below a 2.00. Students will have one semester to increase their major cumulative GPA to a 2.00; if not, students will not be allowed to register for 3000 or 4000 level major courses.

Students will be automatically placed on university probation if any of the following occur:

- Their Saint Louis University cumulative grade point average falls below 2.00
- Their Saint Louis University semester grade point average is below a 1.00
- More than two "incomplete" or two "in-progress" grades on their academic transcript

During the probationary period, advisors help students achieve academic success by closely monitoring their academic performance.

In order to improve scholastically and demonstrate their ability to make progress toward a degree, students on probation may not register for more than 12 credits in the fall and spring semesters, three credits in the winter term, and no more than one course/four credits in any single summer session term.

The conditions under which a student is dismissed from the school include:

1. Inability to eliminate probationary status within the two semesters subsequent to the assignment of probation or
2. A grade point average deficit of more than 15 points.

For more information, see University Academic Policies and Procedures (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/academic-policies-procedures/>).

Business Common Body of Knowledge (CBK)

Code	Title	Credits
ACCT 2200	Financial Accounting	3
ACCT 2220	Accounting for Decision Making	3
BIZ 1000/1001	Business Foundations	1
BIZ 1002	Business Foundations Excel Lab	0
BIZ 3000	Career Foundations	1
BIZ 4000	Business Capstone ¹	1
BTM 2000	Introduction to Business Technology Management	3
ECON 1900	Principles of Economics	3
ECON 3120	Intermediate Macroeconomics	3
ECON 3140	Intermediate Microeconomics	3
FIN 3010	Principles of Finance	3
IB 2000	Introduction to International Business	3
MGT 2000	Legal Environment of Business I	3
MGT 3000	Management Theory and Practice	3
MGT 4000	Strategic Management and Policy ¹	3
MKT 3000	Introduction to Marketing Management	3
OPM 2070	Introduction to Business Statistics	3

OPM 3050	Introduction to Management Science and Operations Management	3
Total Credits		45

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All other business CBK courses must be completed prior to taking BIZ 4000 Business Capstone (1 cr) and MGT 4000 Strategic Management and Policy (3 cr).

Arts and Sciences Core Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
ENGL 1900	Advanced Strategies of Rhetoric and Research ²	3
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 2250	Conflict, Social Justice and Literature	
ENGL 2350	Faith, Doubt and Literature	
ENGL 2450	Nature, Ecology & Literature	
ENGL 2550	Gender, Identity & Literature	
ENGL 2650	Technology, Media & Literature	
ENGL 2750	Film, Culture and Literature	
ENGL 2850	Nation, Identity and Literature	
Foreign Language Literature		
Select one of the following: ³		3
ENGL 4000	Professional Writing (strongly recommended) English Literature	
Fine Arts (Art, Art History, Dance, Film Studies, Music, Theatre)		
CMM 1200	Public Speaking ²	3
HIST 1110	Origins of the Modern World to 1500	3
	or HIST 1120 Origins of the Modern World (1500 to Present)	
PSY 1010	General Psychology	3
Select two additional courses from the following:		6
African American Studies		
American Studies		
Anthropology		
History		
Political Science		
Psychology		
Sociology		
Women's and Gender Studies		
MATH 1200	College Algebra ⁴	3
MATH 1320	Survey of Calculus ²	3
Natural Science course		3
One additional Math or Natural Science course ⁵		3
PHIL 1050	Introduction to Philosophy: Self and Reality	3
PHIL 2050	Ethics	3
THEO 1000	Theological Foundations	3
THEO 2xxx	Theology course	3
Total Credits		48

2

Must be completed by the end of the sophomore year in order to enroll in business courses junior year. MATH 1510 Calculus I (0,4 cr) or higher-level calculus course may be substituted for MATH 1320 Survey of Calculus (3 cr).

3

Upper-division foreign language may be substituted; however, students for whom English is a second language may not complete this requirement in their native language.

4

Students who place out of MATH 1200 College Algebra (0,3 cr) (based on a Math Index score) must replace it with another approved math course.

5

MATH course must be approved.

Graduation Requirements

To be certified for graduation, a student must complete all course requirements and meet all of the following conditions:

- Apply to graduate.
- Earn a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA in all SLU coursework; accounting students must earn a minimum 2.70 cumulative grade point average (GPA) in all SLU coursework and earn grades of "C" or higher in all courses that fulfill the major requirements; for all other majors, students must earn a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA in all major courses that fulfill the major requirements.
- Earn a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA in all business coursework taken at Saint Louis University.
- Complete the Arts and Sciences core as specified in the business school curriculum.
- Complete 30 of the final 36 credits at the St. Louis campus or an approved study abroad program.
- Complete at least 50% of business coursework in residence at the St. Louis campus.*
- Complete major course requirements in residence at the St. Louis campus.*
- Students transferring from the Madrid campus must complete a minimum of 40 credits of coursework, including a minimum of 30 credits of business coursework in residence at the St. Louis campus.*

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Students may pursue the economics, international business or marketing majors at the St. Louis campus and/or at the Madrid campus. The residency requirement then applies to courses taken at either campus.

Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Standard Track

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
MATH 1200	College Algebra	3

BIZ 1000/1002	Business Foundations	1
ENGL 1900	Advanced Strategies of Rhetoric and Research ¹	3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3

Credits 16

Spring

MATH 1320 or MATH 1510	Survey of Calculus ^{1,3} or Calculus I	3
ECON 1900	Principles of Economics	3
OPM 2070	Introduction to Business Statistics	3
CMM 1200	Public Speaking ¹	3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3

Credits 15

Year Two

Fall

ACCT 2200	Financial Accounting	3
BTM 2000	Introduction to Business Technology Management	3
IB 2000	Introduction to International Business	3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3

Credits 15

Spring

ACCT 2220	Accounting for Decision Making	3
BIZ 3000	Career Foundations ⁴	1
MGT 2000	Legal Environment of Business I	3
ECON 3120 or ECON 3140	Intermediate Macroeconomics or Intermediate Microeconomics	3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3

Credits 16

Year Three

Fall

FIN 3010	Principles of Finance	3
MGT 3000	Management Theory and Practice	3
ECON 3120 or ECON 3140	Intermediate Macroeconomics or Intermediate Microeconomics	3
MKT 3000	Introduction to Marketing Management	3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3

Credits 15

Spring

FIN 3330	Fixed Income Securities and Markets (Major)	3
FIN 3630	Equity Securities and Markets (Major)	3
OPM 3050	Introduction to Management Science and Operations Management	3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3

Credits 15

Year Four

Fall

FIN 4650	Derivative Securities and Markets (Major)	3
Major: Finance Elective ⁵		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3

Credits 15

Spring

FIN 4230	Financial Management (Major)	3
Major: Finance Elective ⁵		3
BIZ 4000	Business Capstone ⁶	1
MGT 4000	Strategic Management and Policy ⁶	3
Elective		3

Credits 13

Total Credits 120

1

Must have completed by end of sophomore year.

2

See list of Arts and Sciences core required for business students.

3

MATH 1510 highly recommended.

4

Must take second semester sophomore year unless studying abroad.

5

See list of finance electives.

6

Must have completed all other Business Common Body of Knowledge courses.

Financial Analysis Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
MATH 1200	College Algebra	3
BIZ 1000/1002	Business Foundations	1
ENGL 1900	Advanced Strategies of Rhetoric and Research ¹	3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3

Credits 16

Spring

MATH 1320 or MATH 1510	Survey of Calculus ^{1,3} or Calculus I	3
ECON 1900	Principles of Economics	3
OPM 2070	Introduction to Business Statistics	3
CMM 1200	Public Speaking ¹	3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3

Credits 15

Year Two**Fall**

ACCT 2200	Financial Accounting	3
BTM 2000	Introduction to Business Technology Management	3
IB 2000	Introduction to International Business	3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3
Credits		15

Spring

ACCT 2220	Accounting for Decision Making	3
BIZ 3000	Career Foundations ⁴	1
MGT 2000	Legal Environment of Business I	3
ECON 3120	Intermediate Macroeconomics	3
or ECON 3140	or Intermediate Microeconomics	
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3
Credits		16

Year Three**Fall**

FIN 3010	Principles of Finance	3
MGT 3000	Management Theory and Practice	3
ECON 3120	Intermediate Macroeconomics	3
or ECON 3140	or Intermediate Microeconomics	
MKT 3000	Introduction to Marketing Management	3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3
Credits		15

Spring

FIN 3330	Fixed Income Securities and Markets (Major)	3
FIN 3630	Equity Securities and Markets (Major)	3
ACCT 3110	Financial Reporting I (Major)	3
OPM 3050	Introduction to Management Science and Operations Management	3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3
Credits		15

Year Four**Fall**

FIN 4650	Derivative Securities and Markets (Major)	3
FIN 4630	Applied Portfolio Management (Major)	3
ACCT 4110	Financial Reporting II (Major)	3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3
Credits		15

Spring

FIN 4230	Financial Management (Major)	3
BIZ 4000	Business Capstone ⁶	1
MGT 4000	Strategic Management and Policy ⁶	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credits		13

Total Credits **120**

1

Must have completed by end of sophomore year.

2

See list of Arts and Sciences core required for business students.

3

MATH 1510 highly recommended.

4

Must take second semester sophomore year unless studying abroad.

5

Must have completed all other Business Common Body of Knowledge courses.

Real Estate Finance Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
MATH 1200	College Algebra	3
BIZ 1000/1002	Business Foundations	1
ENGL 1900	Advanced Strategies of Rhetoric and Research ¹	3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3
Credits		16

Spring

MATH 1320	Survey of Calculus ^{1,3}	3
or MATH 1510	or Calculus I	
ECON 1900	Principles of Economics	3
OPM 2070	Introduction to Business Statistics	3
CMM 1200	Public Speaking ¹	3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3
Credits		15

Year Two**Fall**

ACCT 2200	Financial Accounting	3
BTM 2000	Introduction to Business Technology Management	3
IB 2000	Introduction to International Business	3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3
Credits		15

Spring

ACCT 2220	Accounting for Decision Making	3
BIZ 3000	Career Foundations ⁴	1
MGT 2000	Legal Environment of Business I	3
ECON 3120	Intermediate Macroeconomics	3
or ECON 3140	or Intermediate Microeconomics	
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3

Credits **16**

Year Three**Fall**

FIN 3010	Principles of Finance	3
MGT 3000	Management Theory and Practice	3
ECON 3120 or ECON 3140	Intermediate Macroeconomics or Intermediate Microeconomics	3
MKT 3000	Introduction to Marketing Management	3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3
Credits		15

Spring

FIN 3330	Fixed Income Securities and Markets (Major)	3
FIN 3630	Equity Securities and Markets (Major)	3
FIN 3160	Real Estate (Major)	3
OPM 3050	Introduction to Management Science and Operations Management	3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3
Credits		15

Year Four**Fall**

FIN 4160	Commercial Real Estate (Major)	3
FIN 4230	Financial Management	3
FIN 4650	Derivative Securities and Markets	3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3
Arts & Sciences Core ²		3
Credits		15

Spring

BIZ 4000	Business Capstone ⁵	1
MGT 4000	Strategic Management and Policy ⁵	3
Business Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credits		13

Total Credits **120**

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Must have completed by end of sophomore year.

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See list of Arts and Sciences core required for business students.

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MATH 1510 highly recommended.

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Must take second semester sophomore year unless studying abroad.

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Must have completed all other Business Common Body of Knowledge courses.

2+SLU

2+SLU programs are formal transfer agreements for students seeking an associate degree at a partner institution.

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- Finance, B.S. (STLCC+SLU)