**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

**Leadership**

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**Overview**

Finance involves the study of financial markets and institutions, the valuation of financial assets and the use of those assets to accumulate wealth and/or mitigate risk. Virtually every business activity requires the deployment of financial capital; thus, the field of finance is relevant across the spectrum of economic activity. Students obtaining a major in finance have opportunities in investment and risk management, capital acquisition and consulting.

The Department of Finance is a CFA University Affiliated Program. This initiative is a relationship between the CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) Institute and select colleges and universities around the world (only 194 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.

**Programs**

**Undergraduate Programs**

- Finance, B.S. (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/business/finance/finance-bs)

**Undergraduate Minors**

- Finance, Minor (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/business/finance/finance-minor)

**Graduate Programs**

- Finance, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/business/finance/finance-post-baccalaureate-certificate)

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