

# DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

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## 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 degree in finance have opportunities in investment and risk management, capital acquisition and consulting.

The Department of Finance at Saint Louis University's Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business (<https://www.slu.edu/business/>) is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) University Affiliated Program. This initiative is a relationship between the CFA Institute and select colleges and universities around the world that have embedded a significant percentage (70 percent) of the CFA Program Candidate Body of Knowledge into their degree programs. Only 233 U.S. schools are CFA University Affiliated Programs.

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## Programs

### Undergraduate Programs

- Finance, B.S.
- Finance, Minor

### Graduate Programs

- Finance, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate

## Faculty

Naresh Bansal, Ph.D.  
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