

# FINANCIAL PLANNING & MODELING, POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE

Personal financial planning refers to the systematic and dynamic process whereby individuals optimize their financial resources (taking into account various financial risks and future life events) to best achieve their financial goals and objectives. Saint Louis University's post-baccalaureate certificate in financial planning and modeling prepares SLU students for careers in financial planning and advising services.

Financial planning skills are important for everyone, even for those not seeking a career as a professional financial advisor. It is well documented that the sooner one gets a grip on personal finance, the better the long-term financial prospects will be for things like investing or planning for retirement.

## Admission Requirements

The Chaifetz School uses a holistic admissions approach to carefully evaluate all applicants, considering every aspect of their application. While an undergraduate degree is required for admission, a business background is not. Applicants must submit their:

- Completed online application (<https://gradapply.slu.edu/apply/>)
- Transcript(s) from all previously attended institutions
- 1-2 letters of recommendation
- Résumé/CV
- Professional goal statement of fewer than 500 words

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis once all application materials are received. The average time for admissions decisions is two weeks.

## Tuition

Tuition	Cost Per Credit
School of Business Master's and Certificate Programs	\$1,310

Additional charges may apply. Other resources are listed below:

Net Price Calculator (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-costs/calculator.php>)

Information on Tuition and Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition/>)

Miscellaneous Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/fees/>)

Information on Summer Tuition (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition-summer/>)

## Scholarships and Financial Aid

For more information about Saint Louis University scholarships and financial aid, please visit the Office of Student Financial Services (<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. Approximately 5% of business schools worldwide have achieved AACSB accreditation.

## Learning Outcomes

- Graduates will analyze problems, make decisions, and present results on financial modeling and analysis.
- Graduates will understand, recognize and evaluate ethical decision-making in financial planning and modeling.

## Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
FIN 6160	Investment Theory and Practice	3
FIN 6540	Financial Planning	3
FIN 6530	Financial Modeling and Analysis	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>9</b>

All courses have FIN 6000 Finance for Managers (3 cr) as a prerequisite. This may be waived upon completion of any CFA program exams or at the discretion of the department chair.

## Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.

## 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.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year One</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
FIN 6540	Financial Planning	3
FIN 6160	Investment Theory and Practice	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
FIN 6530	Financial Modeling and Analysis	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>9</b>

## **Contact Us**

For additional admission questions, please contact:

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