MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE

GAIN THE EXPERTISE TO TAKE ON SENIOR POSITIONS IN FINANCE

The world of finance is constantly evolving. To be successful, you must be knowledgeable, adept, and prepared. Purdue University Global’s master’s degree is designed to help you develop advanced technical knowledge and skills in all areas of this increasingly complex and diversified field. From corporate finance, to investment management, to banking and beyond, you’ll acquire the strategic thinking skills to solve the everyday challenges you’ll face in the market—and the business expertise to enhance your value within any organization.
WHY STUDY FINANCE AT PURDUE GLOBAL?

ONLINE FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING ADULTS
Earn your degree 100% online, while meeting the demands of your career. You can also visit one of our regional locations to take advantage of local, onsite support and services.

CAREER-FOCUSED CONCENTRATIONS
Choose from two areas of specialization designed to help you expand your expertise: financial analysis and financial planning.

HANDS-ON LEARNING
Build relevant, practical skills you’ll need in the real world through our interactive learning environment: you will generate reports, create presentations, collaborate on group projects, and conduct complex financial analysis.

CFP® BOARD-REGISTERED PROGRAM
The Master of Science in Finance with a concentration in financial planning is a CFP® Board-Registered Program in financial planning education.¹

FACULTY EXPERTISE
Learn from practicing professionals with extensive experience in business and education. All professors possess advanced academic degrees.

ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING
Work directly with faculty during online discussion boards and faculty office hours, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

NATIONALLY RANKED AND RESPECTED
Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue University is ranked in the top 10 best public universities in the U.S. by The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education.²

PROGRAM OUTCOMES SUPPORT YOUR CAREER GROWTH

Build the Core Skills and Competencies That Employers Demand

- **Decision Analysis**: Use financial and other information to make and justify business decisions.
- **Risk Management and Investment Analysis**: Identify financial risk and create a plan to minimize exposure.
- **Leadership**: Apply financial theory to facilitate overall guidance of an organization and improve day-to-day processes including the interpretation of financial data.
- **Ethical Practices**: Comply with laws, regulations, and financial principles while developing and living by a personal code of ethics.
- **Communication**: Compose and report clear and accurate financial information to stakeholders.

Expand Your Opportunities

- **Gain the credentials, skills, and knowledge you need to pursue senior and leadership positions in finance. The curriculum develops your understanding of the factors that influence high-level decision making, as well as critical thinking used to find solutions to complex financial problems.**

Prepare to Sit for CFP® Certification While Earning Your Master’s Degree

- The program’s financial planning concentration meets the specific criteria for educating individuals who wish to fulfill the education component for obtaining CFP® certification. After successfully completing the Master of Science in Finance, you must register for and complete FP107: Financial Plan Development, provided by Kaplan Professional, if you wish to meet all education requirements necessary to sit for the CFP® Certification Examination.³
Our courses are reviewed and revised continually by our dedicated curriculum department and advisory board to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in the field.

**COURSES INCLUDE:**
- Corporate Finance
- Business Communications
- Investment and Securities Analysis
- Risk Analysis and Management
- Financial Institutions and Markets
- Financial Statement Analysis
- Retirement Planning
- Fixed-Income and Futures Investing
- Portfolio Management

**CONCENTRATIONS:**
**Financial Analysis:** Develop the skills relevant to portfolio management and investment analysis. Study how to assess decision-making approaches and techniques and apply them to financial situations. Prepare for the Certified Financial Analyst (CFA) certification exam.¹

**Financial Planning:** Develop financial plans, evaluating the appropriate principles, concepts, and frameworks for financial decision making.

**PROGRAM DETAIL**
- **Credit Hours:** 56 (14 courses: 10 core; 4 concentration)
- **Program Length:** Less than 2 years of full-time study
- **Course Load:** 1–2 courses per term
- **Terms:** 6 weeks long
- **Start Dates:** Throughout the year

**Admissions Requirements:** You must have a bachelor’s degree in the field of business from an accredited institution or a minimum of 30 semester/45 quarter credit hours in undergraduate coursework meeting the ACBSP’s Common Professional Components requirements. Visit Catalog.PurdueGlobal.edu for more information.

This program is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). For more information on Purdue University Global’s ACBSP accreditation, visit www.acbsp.org.

**ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS**
**Master's Degrees**
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Science in Accounting
- Master of Science in Management and Leadership

**Graduate Business Certificates**
- Accounting
- Human Resources
- Project Management
CAREER AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

- Employment of financial managers, treasurers, and controllers is expected to grow much faster than the average from 2019 to 2029.4,5
- Employment of personal financial advisors is expected to grow faster than the average in that same time frame, and employment of financial analysts is also projected to grow.4
- A master’s degree can be particularly beneficial if you work as a financial manager or a securities, commodities, or financial service sales agent.6 It is often required for advanced financial analysts and other higher-level positions, and can help improve a personal financial advisor’s chances for promotion.4

CAREER PATHWAYS AND OUTCOMES7

Roles
- Treasurer and controller
- Chief executive (CFO)
- Financial quantitative analyst
- Investment fund manager
- Investment underwriter
- Risk management specialist

Settings
- Banks
- Finance companies
- Insurance companies
- Security dealers
- Credit unions
- For-profit and nonprofit businesses
- Federal, state, or local government

CAREER SERVICES

Our Career Specialists connect finance students with job and networking opportunities, and offer the following assistance:
- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND HONOR SOCIETIES

- Delta Mu Delta Honor Society
- Business and Management Student Association

Purdue Global Is Accredited by The Higher Learning Commission

This accreditation covers all academic programs, all regional locations, and all programs provided via distance education. Contact the HLC at HLCommission.org or call 800-621-7440.

Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

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