

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

CURRICULUM

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.³

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 finance 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 **personal financial advisors, financial managers, treasurers, and controllers** is expected to grow much faster than the average from 2016 to 2026.^{4,5}
- Employment of **financial analysts** is projected to grow faster than the average in that same time frame.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 HLCcommission.org or call 800-621-7440.

Military Friendly

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

This accolade was awarded prior to the March 2018 purchase of Kaplan University by Purdue University and subsequent creation of Purdue University Global. Purdue Global cannot guarantee future accolades.



Contact an Admissions Advisor at 844-PURDUE-G or visit www.PurdueGlobal.edu.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer and gainful employment information, visit Info.PurdueGlobal.edu.

1 Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards Inc. owns the certification marks CFP®, Certified Financial Planner™, and the federally registered CFP (with flame design) in the U.S. Purdue Global does not certify individuals to use these marks. CFP certification is granted solely by Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards Inc. to individuals who, in addition to completing an educational requirement, have met its ethics, experience, and examination requirements.

2 Source: www.timeshighereducation.com/rankings/united-states/2018. Rankings apply to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.

3 Students are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams. In some cases, work experience, additional coursework beyond the Purdue Global program, fieldwork, and/or background checks may be necessary to be eligible to take or to successfully pass the exams.

4 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Financial Analysts, Financial Managers, and Personal Financial Advisors. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

5 O*Net Online: *Summary Report for Treasurers and Controllers*

6 Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Should I get a master's degree?*

7 Purdue Global cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization. Prior experience may be necessary for leadership positions. Certain finance positions may require further certification and/or licensing by individual states. This program was not designed to meet any specific state's requirements for licensure or certification, and Purdue Global makes no representations or warranties as to whether the degree or any individual courses meet such requirements. Refer to the University Catalog for additional information.