

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE

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Students who choose to major in Finance gain an understanding of key financial skills and concepts, and hone their analytical and scientific reasoning skills. They will receive hands-on experience in money management, develop proficiency in data gathering and also learn the importance of ethical considerations in financial decision making. Our graduates are able to explain core financial terms and concepts and apply them to real business and financial problems. They understand modern financial theory and its application to corporate financial decision making, valuation, financial markets and institutions, and portfolio management.

Student learning opportunities are enhanced by the resources available within the Terry W. Goodwin '67 Financial Technology Center. The center allows students to access real-time financial data, develop financial models, conduct trading simulations and analyze financial and economic data. Students have the opportunity to participate in the Student-Managed Portfolio, an extension of the University's endowment fund. Leadership and educational opportunities come from participating in the Global Asset Management Education (G.A.M.E.) Forum as well as intercollegiate "Fed Challenge," "Investment Research Challenge" and Rotman Trading competitions.

Extracurricular activities include the Investment Club and the Economics and Finance Club. These student-led organizations sponsor investment challenges, campus speakers and trips to financial markets and institutions. The clubs also provide students peer-centered opportunities to develop their networking, team building and leadership skills. Outstanding students are eligible to be inducted into the Financial Management Association (FMA) National Honor Society.

## Investment Management Focus

Students who seek to focus on a program that prepares them to pursue their interest in careers within the financial services sector, specifically working in the areas of investment banking, portfolio management and investment analysis. Upon completion of the finance core and suggested investment management courses, students will have the educational requirements to sit for the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Level I examination.

## Wealth Management and Financial Planning Focus

The purpose of offering a financial planning track is so students can pursue their interest in careers in wealth management, financial planning and retail investment and insurance brokerage services. Graduates have the opportunity to work within law and accounting firms that provide comprehensive financial planning and services. As part of the curriculum, students receive instruction in risk management and insurance services, investment planning, retirement and estate planning, employee benefit planning and tax planning. Upon completion of the finance core and suggested wealth management and financial planning courses, students will have the educational requirements to sit for the Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certification examination. Also, students may elect to sit for the FINRA Series 7, 63, and 66 licensing exams. Alternately, students

who take additional required mathematics courses may elect to sit for the Financial Risk Manager (FRM) exams.

## Corporate Finance Focus

Students may wish to focus in courses that prepare them for careers in the nonfinancial sector, mainly the management and operations of large and small corporations. Upon completion of the finance core and suggested corporate finance courses, students will have the educational requirements to sit for the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) certification exam, which demonstrates knowledge and proficiency in corporate financial planning and analysis, decision support and ethics. Alternatively, students may prepare to sit for the Certified Treasury Professional (CTP) designation, which exhibits knowledge and skills needed of treasury professionals.

## BS in Finance Curriculum

Graduation with a BS in finance requires that the student complete 122 credits.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Business Core Curriculum</b>		
Complete the Business Core Curriculum ( <a href="http://catalog.qu.edu/business/#corecurriculumtext">http://catalog.qu.edu/business/#corecurriculumtext</a> )		43
<b>University Curriculum</b>		
Complete the University Curriculum for School of Business ( <a href="http://catalog.qu.edu/business/#universitycurriculumtext">http://catalog.qu.edu/business/#universitycurriculumtext</a> )		34
<b>Finance Core</b>		
FIN 310	Investment Analysis	3
FIN 320	Financial Modeling	3
FIN 350	Financial Markets and Institutions	3
FIN 360	Financial Statement Analysis	3
FIN 380	Intermediate Corporate Finance	3
FIN 485	Derivative Securities	3
<b>Finance Electives</b>		
Students must complete 12 credits of finance electives. Of these 12 credits, students may apply up to 3 credits from the following courses toward their finance elective requirements:		12
AC 305	Intermediate Accounting I	
AC 323	Cost Accounting	
AC 431	Federal Income Taxation of Individuals	
CIS 350	Advanced Excel Programming (AC 350)	
IB 335	International Finance	
SB 360	International Business Immersion	
<b>Open Electives</b>		
Select 15 credits		15
Total Credits		122

## Undergraduate Program Objectives

- **Introductory financial processes:** Develop the ability to explain core financial terms and concepts and their application to real business and financial problems.

- **Advanced financial knowledge:** Develop an understanding of modern financial theory and its application to corporate financial decision making, valuation, financial markets and institutions, and portfolio management.
- **Critical, analytical and scientific reasoning:** Develop technical proficiency in gathering information, utilizing databases, and employing standard software to organize, model and analyze data.
- **Social and ethical considerations:** Develop an understanding of the importance of ethical considerations in financial practices and decisions.

### **Admission Requirements: School of Business**

The requirements for admission into the undergraduate School of Business programs are the same as those for admission to Quinnipiac University.

Admission to the university is competitive, and applicants are expected to present a strong college prep program in high school. Prospective freshmen are strongly encouraged to file an application as early in the senior year as possible, and arrange to have first quarter grades sent from their high school counselor as soon as they are available.

For detailed admission requirements, including required documents, please visit the **Admissions** page of this catalog.