Finance (PhD)

The graduate program in finance gives students opportunities for specialized study in behavioral finance, corporate finance, investments, financial intermediaries, international finance, energy, and finance and real estate.

Graduate Handbook

Graduate handbook information is updated and maintained by each program. Graduate handbooks are available within each program's office and online. Please contact the program with concerns or questions.

Admission

Admission to the program is extremely competitive. The admission decision is based on a holistic review process that includes the applicant's academic record, test scores, personal statement, resume, and letters of recommendation.

Students must enter the PhD program in the fall semester.

Total Hours Required: 30

Requirements

The core of the program is a set of courses required of all students. The core is supplemented with special courses and electives. Students are required to study one minor field in addition to finance; typically, they choose economics, statistics, or mathematics, all of which provide skills important to financial research.

A required element of the student's development as a scholar is the completion of first- and second-year summer papers. The quality of these two papers is a factor in judging the student's progress in the program. Students must take a comprehensive examination at the end of their second year. They then undertake dissertation research.

Students normally complete coursework, research, and the dissertation in approximately five years.

Code	Title	Hours
All students must also follow the following requirements and policies:		
Graduate Business Requirements		
Graduate University Requirements		