

FINANCE



Finance at Drexel

Drexel offers students interested in the Finance concentration two degree options: a Bachelor's in Business Administration or a Bachelor's in Business and Engineering. Finance is the study of money and other assets. The Finance program in LeBow College of Business prepares students for careers in corporate financial management, investments and financial planning, and the public sector. It provides excellent preparation for various types of professional certification, including chartered financial analyst, certified financial planner, certified financial manager, and certified treasury manager.

Finance students gain a thorough understanding of the basic concepts, principles, operating procedures, and analytical techniques used in the field. Throughout the curriculum, students develop and apply quantitative skills for financial decision making within the business environment.

Drexel Co-op for Finance

A key part of the program is Drexel's prestigious co-operative education program, in which students alternate periods of classroom study with periods of professional work experience. Finance students can choose from the following:

- Three Co-op Option (Five Years): includes three six-month periods of full-time employment
- One Co-op Option (Four Years): includes one six-month period of full-time employment

A Few Drexel Co-op Position Titles

- Budget Analyst
- Credit and Collections Assistant
- Insurance Specialist
- Portfolio Analyst Securities Broker

Employers

Here are some of the companies that have hired Drexel students as co-op or full-time employees:

- CIGNA Corporation
- Deloitte & Touche USA LLP
- Independence Blue Cross
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- SAP America

Potential Careers

Financial Analyst. Reads company financial statements and analyzes commodity prices, sales, costs, expenses, and tax rates to determine a company's value and project its future earnings. Typically works for banks, insurance companies, mutual funds, pension funds, securities firms, and other businesses. Often specializes in a particular industry.

Financial Planner. Helps investors meet financial goals. Ascertains clients' comfort with risk, identifies new investment vehicles, manages assets, helps plan for retirement or children's college education, and provides advice on matters such as insurance, taxes, and estates.

Bank Trust Officer. Manages assets placed in trust with a bank for other people or organizations; these assets can include pension funds, school endowments, or a company's profit-sharing plan. Sometimes acts as executors of estates upon a person's death. May work as accountants, lawyers, and investment managers.

Courses You'll Really Enjoy

Risk Management. Provides a fundamental understanding of risk and return, modern portfolio theory, asset pricing models, performance evaluation, and the use of derivatives to hedge and manage risk.

Financial Institutions and Markets. Covers the financial system, from the money-creation process to the functioning of the Federal Reserve System to the role and management of financial institutions.

Global Financial Management. Examines the investment and financing strategies of multinational corporations. Topics include international investment borrowing, capital acquisition in the international environment, international corporate restructuring, currency swaps and recapitalizations, hedging techniques, and international risk-management instruments.

Learn More: University Catalog

A list of required courses for the Finance concentration is available online at www.drexel.edu/catalog.

Accelerated Degree Options

Accelerated degree programs, such as the BS/MD, BS/PhD in Engineering, BS/JD, and BS/MBA, enable academically qualified students to earn both a bachelor's and an advanced degree, graduating sooner than they would in traditional programs. Eligible students can be admitted to an accelerated degree program in one of two ways: apply as an incoming freshman through Undergraduate Admissions or apply to the Office of Graduate Studies after completing a minimum of 90 credits. To learn more about accelerated degree options, visit www.drexel.edu/em/ug/accelerated.

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