

MBA with a Concentration in Finance

Tracks

The Finance Department has organized its programs around particular tracks to assist Eller College MBA - Finance students in career planning. MBA students interested in a Concentration in Finance may choose from the following three tracks:

- Fixed Income
- Corporate Finance
- General Investments
- Real Estate

Each track consists of five courses with specific required courses and other select alternatives identified. Other finance elective courses are available and may be selected as general MBA electives, outside of the finance track requirements.

Fixed Income Track

The fixed income track is designed to familiarize students with the fundamental theoretical concepts and relevant models of fixed income portfolio management and a set of tools to analyze fixed income markets. This track is geared for students with very strong quantitative and analytical skills and technical strengths. The coursework is the most rigorous of the three tracks.

Coursework

The following *three* classes are required in this track:

- FIN 521. Investment Analysis (Fall)
- FIN 545. Credit Risk Modeling (Spring)
- FIN 542. Fixed Income (Fall)

In addition, students pursuing this track must select at least *two* classes from the following list:

- FIN 523A. Applied Portfolio Management (Fall)
- FIN 522. Derivatives (Spring)
- FIN 543. High-Yield Debt and Corporate Distress (Fall)
- FIN 523B. Applied Portfolio Management (Spring)
- ACCT 554. Acctg Analysis/Financial Statements (Fall)

Careers

The Fixed Income track is designed to enable students to pursue careers within the broad area of fixed income, including positions as fixed income analyst, mortgage securities analyst and risk management expert/consultant. Companies include financial institutions, utilities and industrials.

Corporate Finance Track

The corporate finance track is designed to familiarize students with the financial decisions made and decision-making tools used by corporate financial managers. The vast majority of Eller MBA-Finance graduates work in this field.

Coursework

The following *three* classes are required in this track:

- FIN 512. Advanced Corporate Finance (Fall)
- FIN 532. Corporate Finance Strategy (Spring)
- FIN 513. Valuation Modeling (Spring Yr1 or Fall)

In addition, students must select at least *two* classes from the following list:

- FIN 515. Venture Capital (Fall)
- FIN 560. Real Property (Fall)
- FIN 521. Investments Analysis (Fall)
- ACCT 554. Acctg Analysis/Financial Statements (Fall)
- FIN 536. New Venture Finance (Fall)
- FIN 514. International Finance (Spring)
- FIN 542. Fixed Income (Fall)
- FIN 552?. Commercial Real Estate Development (Spring)
- FIN 543. High Yield and Corporate Distress (Fall)

Careers

The Corporate Finance track is designed to enable students to pursue a wide variety of fascinating careers at the world's top companies whose main business is not finance. These companies need finance professionals in the treasury, planning and budgeting, and strategic planning and risk management areas.

Real Estate Finance Track

The real estate finance track is designed to familiarize students with the financial decisions made and decision-making tools used in real estate development and finance.

Coursework

The following *three* classes are required in this track:

- FIN 513. Valuation Modeling (Spring Yr1 or Fall)
- FIN 552?. Commercial Real Estate Development (Spring)
- FIN 560. Real Property (Fall)

In addition, students pursuing this track must select at least *two* classes from the following list:

- FIN 512. Advanced Corporate Finance (Fall)
- PLNN 597S. New Urbanism and Sustainability in the Southwest (Fall)
- FIN 515. Venture Capital (Fall)
- FIN 522. Derivatives (Spring)
- FIN 521. Investments Analysis (Fall)
- FIN 532. Corporate Finance Strategy (Spring)
- FIN 542. Fixed Income (Fall)
- ARC 561E. Sustainable Design and the LEED Initiative (Spring)
- ACCT 554. Acctg Analysis/Fin'l Statements (Fall)
- PA 514. Analytic Methods in Planning and Strategic Management (Spring)
- PA 551. Local Economic and Community Development (Fall)
- PLNN 576. The Land Development Process (Fall)
- PLNN 559. Land Use and Growth Controls (Spring)
- PLNN 580. Environmental and Healthy City Planning (Fall)

Careers

The Real Estate Finance track is designed to enable students to pursue careers in the field of real estate, from development to mortgage banking. Companies in a wide variety of fields need finance professionals to evaluate development and credit risk, and to develop financial plans and budgets.

General Investments Track

The general investments track is designed to familiarize students with investment analysis, including the functions of capital markets, changes in markets, and portfolio theory.

This track is recommended only for interested students with work experience in this field and/or personal contacts in the industry. Students pursuing this track are strongly encouraged to study for and obtain the CFA Level I designation either before graduating from the program or immediately upon completion.

Coursework

The following *three* classes are required in this track:

- FIN 518. Investment Banking (Fall)
- FIN 542. Fixed Income (Fall)
- FIN 521. Investment Analysis (Fall)

In addition, students pursuing this track must select at least *two* classes from the following list:

- FIN 513. Valuation Modeling (Spring Yr1 or Fall)
- FIN 514. International Finance (Spring)
- FIN 523A*. Applied Portfolio Management (Fall)
- FIN 522. Derivatives (Spring)
- FIN 543. High-Yield Debt and Corporate Distress (Fall)
- FIN 523B*. Applied Portfolio Management (Spring)
- ACCT 554. Acctg Analysis/Financial Statements (Fall)
- FIN 525. Empirical Finance Methods (Spring)

Careers

The General Investment track is designed to enable students to pursue a wide variety of fascinating careers at the world's top companies, including positions as a securities analyst and portfolio manager.

Careers-in-Finance offers good insight into the types of positions and day-to-day work in the fields appropriate for all four tracks.

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