Interest Areas
Business Finance
Capital Markets and Institutions
Investments
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Risk and Insurance

Employers
Appraisers
Banks/Financial Institutions
Consulting
Financial Management
Financial Services
Industry (Credit Analysis)
Investment Banking
Private Equity Companies
Real Estate Investment
State Retirement Systems
Trusts

Professional Societies
American Statistical Association (ASA)
Decision Sciences Institute (DSI)
Informs

Related Certifications
Bloomberg’s online training is available at a Bloomberg terminal in the Securities Market Analysis Research Training Lab (SMART Lab).

CFA®*Level 1 Prep
Chartered Financial Analyst Level 1 prep is available by registering for FIN 7720 (Asset Management). This course is designed to pace students in their study for the first of three Chartered Financial Analyst exams in either December or June. (Prereq: Permission of the instructor and proof of registration for December or June exam.)

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What is Finance?
Finance is the study of how individuals, businesses, and organizations acquire and utilize capital (i.e. money). Two basic elements of finance include the trade-off between expected returns and risk and the importance of timing of future cash flows.


FIN 7400 Financial Risk Management: (Prereq: BADM 7090 or equivalent) Risk management of corporations, financial institutions, governments, and non-profit organizations; characteristics of financial contracts and markets and applications of these contracts to risk management problems; market and credit risks are primary focus, but some attention given to operational sources of risk.

FIN 7633 Financial Markets: (Prereq: BADM 7090 or equivalent) Financial valuation techniques common to U.S. financial markets and institutions; the economic role of the U.S. financial market and institutions and their regulatory structures; emphasis on the economics of asymmetric information and its importance to financial intermediation and economic performance.

FIN 7719 Advanced Financial Management (Prereq: FIN 3826 or equivalent) Theory of business finance and evaluation of its usefulness to financial managers; capital expenditure, capital structure, and dividend decisions; legitimacy of alternative decision criteria; implications of uncertainty and imperfect capital markets on firm financial decisions.

FIN 7740 Venture Capital: (Prereq: BADM 7090 or equivalent) This class offers an in-depth overview of the private equity and venture capital industry, the unique structure and terminology within their asset class, historical financial returns, and the various participants within the industry. The first half of the semester focuses on the informational background and technical overview of the industry, while the second half deals exclusively with real life case studies from HBS. Guest speakers and student presentations are a regular component of the class, including an end-of-year project where student-led groups consult with a company and prepare an investment memorandum and venture capital term sheet based on the company’s business plan.


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