

FINANCE CONCENTRATION

With its distinct focus on corporate finance, the W. P. Carey MBA with a concentration in finance offers unique perspectives on investment decisions, the management of business and financial risk, and resource allocation for the most positive impact on shareholder value.

Required Courses

FIN 520: Valuation Techniques

Improves the understanding of valuation concepts and how to apply them. Shows how to value assets using free cash flow and economic value-added methods.

FIN 525: Investment Strategies

Presents the fundamental principles of risk and return, portfolio diversification, asset allocation, efficient markets, active portfolio management, portfolio evaluation. Reviews selected alternative investment strategies such as hedge fund investments.

FIN 540: Advanced Financial Management

Offers a comprehensive exploration of the revolutionary developments occurring in the world's financial markets.

FIN 530: Derivatives

Equips you understand how to value and employ derivative securities in a variety of contexts.

FIN 550: Fixed Income

Investigates fixed income instruments and associated relative valuation of the securities. This intermediate- to advanced-level course combines concepts from financial theory with the instructor's experiences in fixed income sales and trading to relate the significance of theory to practice.

FIN 560: International Financial Management

Examines the financial issues of an international investment decision. Main topics include foreign exchange market, investment alternatives in the international capital markets, and the management of foreign exchange risk.

Electives

FIN 591: Portfolio Engineering

Explores the science of building portfolios, beginning with the pricing of individual securities and concluding with building portfolios with those securities. In between, all essential elements of portfolio engineering are examined, including risk and expected return relationships, trading, pricing, and marketing of portfolios.

FIN 580: Investment Practicum

Manage real money and make real decisions — buy, sell, trade, and measure performance. Twice a year, the student managers make presentations to the advisory board, which consists of professional money managers. Admission into this course is by application during your first year.

FIN 555: Entrepreneurial Finance

Provides an introduction to the entrepreneurial sector, whether your interest is starting your own company or becoming involved as an investor. Upon successful completion of the course, you should be able to create the financial portion of a business plan, place a rough value on the business, estimate how much outside money to seek and from which sources, and understand a typical offering memoranda from a venture capitalist.

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Career Paths

- Business and financial analyst
- Account executive
- Consultant
- Treasury analyst
- Finance manager
- Credit/Industry analyst
- General management
- Real estate analyst
- Securities analyst
- Leadership development and rotational programs

Notable Employers

- American Express Company
- Bank of America Corporation
- USAA
- CVS Caremark
- Intel Corporation
- Vanguard Group

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