

## Interest Areas

Business Finance  
Capital Markets and Institutions  
Investments  
Real Estate  
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 Finance Association (AFA )

## Related Certifications

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

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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 7310 Real Estate Financial Decisions:** Questions concerning real estate finance and valuation, risk-return trade-offs under varying conditions of financial leverage, refinancing, selecting between alternative financing methods, mortgage design, sale-leaseback, construction lending, secondary mortgage markets, and the pricing of financial instruments.

**FIN 7400 Financial Risk Management:** (Prereq: BADM 7090 or equivalent) Risk management of corporations, financial institutions, governments, and nonprofit 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: BADM 7090 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.

**FIN 7826 Investment Analysis & Portfolio Theory:** (Prereq: FIN 7719 or equivalent) Institutional elements of capital markets, mechanics of securities trading, analytic techniques for evaluating investment management, behavior of security prices, efficient diversification, measuring performance of securities and portfolios, security valuation, and portfolio selection.

Additional classes: FIN 7720 Asset Management, FIN 4830 Analysis of Corporate Financial Statements, FIN 7632 Commercial Banking, FIN 7718 Multinational Financial Management, FIN 7300 Seminar in Real Estate, FIN 4850 Financial Derivatives, FIN 7845 Student Managed Investment Fund, FIN 4828 Securities Analysis and Portfolio Management, and FIN 7720 Topics in Business Finance

**Please note:** Students should work with the Flores MBA office to confirm availability of elective courses each semester. Electives are not available every semester and are subject to instructor availability. In cases where an elective is not offered as planned, the Flores MBA office will attempt to find alternative courses for the student to take so that the specialization can be completed.