

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN FINANCE

The Certificate in Finance prepares individuals who hold a bachelor's degree in another field for careers in financial advisory, corporate finance, money management, commercial banking, and investment banking. It is designed for career conversion.

No program application is necessary. Take the required courses through **Open University** by filling out the Open University Registration Form which is available in the College of Professional and Global Education located in the University Student Union, Room 105. To receive your certificate, follow the procedures at this link: <http://www.calstatela.edu/graduation> and click on certificates. (Note: submit the completed application along with your unofficial transcripts to the Staff Support Center, Simpson Tower F517 for approval.)

Certificate Requirements:

Required Courses (9 Units – 3 Courses)	Units	Grade	SEM/YR
FIN 3030 Business Finance ¹	3		
FIN 3250 Essential Skills for Finance Professionals ²	3		
FIN 3320 Investments ²	3		
Electives (Select 6 Units – 2 Courses)	Units	Grade	SEM/YR
FIN 3310 Financial Institutions and Markets ²	3		
FIN 3350 Personal Portfolio and Risk Management	3		
FIN 4030 Intermediate Business Finance ²	3		
FIN 4310 Multinational Financial Management ²	3		
FIN 4340 Cases in Financial Management ³	3		
FIN 4370 Securities Analysis ^{3, 4}	3		
FIN 4400 Options & Futures ⁴	3		
FIN 4470 Student Fund Management ⁵	3		
FIN 4500 Fixed Income Securities ⁴	3		

Total Certificate Requirements (15 Units)

Notes:

1. Requires ACCT 2010 (Financial Accounting), which is also available at the Junior Colleges.
2. Requires FIN 3030
3. Requires FIN 3250
4. Requires FIN 3320
5. Requires FIN 4370

Sample Schedules:

Semester 1		Semester 2		Semester 3		Semester 4	
ACCT 2100 ¹	3	FIN 3030	3	FIN 3250	3	FIN 4370	3
ECON 2090 ²	3			FIN 3320	3	FIN 4030 or 4500	3
Rush Schedule ³				FIN 3250	3		
ACCT 2100 ¹	3	FIN 3030	3	FIN 3320	3		
ECON 2090 ²	3	FIN 3350	3	FIN 3310 or 4030	3		

Notes: 1. ACCT 2100 is the prerequisite for Fin 3030 – you need to be able to read financial statements, 2. ECON 2090 is a prerequisite for FIN 3250, but can be waived if you have had basic statistics in any other course and understand, mean, variance, standard deviation, etc. 3. The rush schedule is for students pursuing careers in basic security sales and advisory (FIN 3350 and 3310 are recommended). For those preparing for project management or corporate finance, FIN 4030 is recommended in combination with FIN 4370. For those more interested in portfolio management FIN 4370 in combination with FIN 4500 or FIN 4470 is recommended.