

FINANCE, GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

The Graduate Certificate in Finance is designed for students who desire a sequence of graduate-level courses that focus specifically on financial topics. Through coursework that spans investments, portfolio management, financial markets, and strategy, students will develop the knowledge and skills to gain a competitive edge in the dynamic global financial marketplace. Lubar academic faculty and experienced financial practitioners will lead students in developing their knowledge base and analytical skills to work successfully with decision makers and advance their careers.

This program can be completed as a standalone certificate or in combination with a master's degree program.

Admission Requirements

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines vary by program, please review the application deadline chart (<http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines/>) for specific programs. Other important dates and deadlines can be found by using the One Stop calendars (<https://uwm.edu/onestop/dates-and-deadlines/>).

Application

- Admission to a graduate certificate program requires formal student application through the Graduate School admissions application (<https://uwm.edu/applygrad/>) system, including the required admissions application fee.
- Certificate programs will inform the Graduate School of their admission recommendation for an applicant. The final admission decision is made by the Graduate School.
- Early application to the certificate program is recommended; late application is possible, but may incur delays for certificate conferral related to time required for credit tracking.
- Applicants must possess a baccalaureate degree and have a minimum 2.75 cumulative undergraduate grade point average to be admitted into a certificate program.

Admission

Students currently enrolled in a UWM graduate program are eligible to earn the Graduate Certificate in Finance. Persons not currently enrolled must apply for admission to the Certificate and must possess, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree with an overall GPA of 2.75 or better.

Credits and Courses

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
BUS ADM 771	Investments	3
BUS ADM 772	Portfolio Management	3
BUS ADM 775	Financial Strategy	3
BUS ADM 778	Financial Institutions and Markets	3
Electives		
Choose one course from the list below:		3
BUS ADM 774	Global Financial Management	

BUS ADM 779

Fixed Income Securities

Total Credits

15

Additional Requirements

Transfer Credit

No more than 20% of the required credits may be taken at an institution other than UWM. A maximum of one three-credit course from another AACSB-accredited graduate program may be transferred. These courses are subject to Graduate School transfer policy.

Grade Point Average Requirement

A minimum cumulative 3.00 grade point average in certificate courses taken at UWM is required.

Articulation with Degree Programs

1. Credits and courses required for a certificate may double count toward meeting UWM graduate degree requirements subject to the following restrictions:
 - Degree programs must approve the courses from certificates that can double count toward the degree.
 - All credits taken in completion of certificate requirements may count towards a UWM graduate degree as long as they do not contribute more than 90% of the total credits needed to obtain the degree. (Note: Students in PhD programs must still complete the minimum residency requirements)
 - Certificate courses used toward meeting degree requirements must be completed within the time limit for transfer credit.
2. Courses completed for a degree may be counted toward a subsequent certificate, subject to all certificate policy requirements.
3. A course may count toward no more than one certificate and one degree.
4. Students may not earn a certificate subsequent to a concentration in the same area.

Time Limit

Certificate program time limits shall be established as follows:

- 18 or fewer credits/Three years from initial enrollment in the certificate sequence.
- 19 or more credits/Four years from initial enrollment in the certificate sequence.

For certificates that are designed as add-ons to degree programs and are awarded concurrent with the degree, the time limit shall be the same as that of the degree program.