

Graduate Certificate in Applied Finance

This certificate is available on campus.

The purpose of the Graduate Certificate in Applied Finance is to provide financial service professionals or graduate students aspiring to pursue careers in financial institutions and/or financial management units within for-profit or non-profit organizations, mainly in the Central Illinois area, with knowledge of the managerial aspects of institutional/personal finance. The graduate-level analytical skills of financial planning, budgeting and risk management are the core areas of knowledge to be covered.

The certificate will focus on the delivery of courses in the area of financial management that will help students develop their knowledge and skills in the following areas:

1. Knowledge on the history, evolution and the basic concepts central to the financial service industry, financial market environment, and professional ethics.
2. Knowledge of regulatory issues in the financial environment.
3. Knowledge of the design and decision-making of financial operations, capital budgeting and planning, and risk management.

Entrance and Course Requirements

Students who have already been admitted into a UIS graduate degree program will automatically be admitted in the the certificate program upon receipt of the degree-seeking application and fee (with the certificate also designated), or a Change of Curriculum Form.

Applicants not currently admitted into a UIS graduate degree program must provide the following:

1. A graduate non-degree seeking application (with the certificate designated); and
2. Official undergraduate transcript(s) with degree documentation and any prerequisite documentation.
3. A 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA or better, or substantial experience and responsibility in a field related to the area of study, as documented by a current resume.

Candidates for the certificate will be expected to complete course requirements with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.

Prerequisite Requirements ¹

ACC 311	Administrative Uses of Accounting	4-6
or ACC 211 & ACC 212	Introduction to Financial Accounting and Introduction to Managerial Accounting	
ECO 315	Economics for Administration	4-6
or ECO 201 & ECO 202	Introduction to Microeconomics and Introduction to Macroeconomics	
BUS 501	Business Perspectives ²	3
Total Prerequisite Hours		8-15
Required Courses		
BUS 502	Managerial Finance	3
BUS 505	Investments	3
BUS 510	Topics In Finance	3

Choose one of the following: 3

ACC 579 Fiduciary Tax

MIS 578 Information Security

Another BUS/MGT 500-level course approved by advisor ³

Total Required Courses Hours 12

¹ Prerequisites may be completed previously or concurrently with starting certificate course work. Preferably, prerequisites should be completed within seven years of application to the certificate program. Each prerequisite must be completed with a C- or better.

Any prerequisite exceptions must have instructor approval.

² MBA students only.

³ This course must be documented with a Student Petition form.