

DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND FINANCE

The Banking and Finance Department, chaired by CNV Krishnan, Ph.D., is made up of world-renowned scholars from five continents, who hold PhDs from prestigious universities such as the University of Rochester, New York University, Stanford, the University of Pennsylvania, University of Toronto and Emory University. Our faculty have furthered the boundaries of knowledge across the field of finance, including in such areas as corporate finance, banking, derivatives and financial markets, asset pricing, portfolio management, health finance, and law and finance. Our faculty publish regularly in top journals. Many of our faculty members also have extensive industry experience in consulting, banking, investment management, venture capital, and insurance. Members of the Banking and Finance Department are frequently invited to present at top finance conferences. Government agencies, major financial institutions, and corporations seek their expertise, and local and national media outlets appreciate their knowledge of financial markets and economic policy. Our faculty have contributed to policy debates on the world economy and global financial markets at the highest levels. In addition to their scholarship, our faculty excel in teaching, applying innovative methodologies to new frontiers of knowledge, and making our programs among the best in the world. The undergraduate finance program (ranked first in the U.S. by *Bloomberg Businessweek* in 2010 and 2012), is led by a world-class faculty that also teach in our very successful Master of Finance program (the largest program of the school), and the Master of Finance-China program in Shanghai (*MBACHina* in 2020 ranked the Master of Finance program in partnership with Tongji University in Shanghai, second among more than 200 finance-focused MBA programs in China.)

The Bachelor of Science in Management (BSM) degree develops students' analytical skills for solving management and business problems. All students in the management program build a strong foundation in business management by taking required courses in economics, accounting, statistics, communication, leadership, marketing, operations research, and supply chain management. As a finance major, you will add to the core foundation provided by the BSM the necessary knowledge to be prepared for careers in banking, financial management, consulting, and other fields. The finance major provides advanced skills and knowledge for financial analysis and decision-making, including:

- Understanding of global financial markets and valuation
- Theory and practice of financial modeling
- Advanced quantitative skills and application of financial analytics

We continually update our curriculum to meet the changing needs of the marketplace. For example, we recently added courses in Fintech and Advanced Financial Analytics.

For students who wish to pursue a graduate degree in the area, our distinctive Master of Finance degree prepares students to get ahead in the finance world. Through case studies, real-life projects under top corporate executives, corporate presentations, field trips, and internships, Master of Finance students acquire a solid foundation in finance while applying key concepts and theories in and out of class. Five tracks of specialization are offered—Corporate Finance, Corporate Financial Analytics, Risk Management Analytics, Financial Big Data Analytics, and FinTech. The Master of Finance program has been accepted into the CFA Institute University Recognition Program. Four of the tracks are also STEM accredited.

In addition to the resources offered by Weatherhead School's Career Management Office, the Master of Finance program has a dedicated director to assist students in finding internships and jobs, and help build relationships. There are regular treks, corporate visits, practitioner seminars, and academic seminars.

Three finance certificates are also offered: Quantitative Finance Certificate (Level 1 and Level 2), Financial Management (Level 1 and Level 2), and FinTech (Level 1). These flexible certificates are designed for both current graduate students and working professionals. All courses will be offered in the afternoon, evenings, or online and will give students the choice to complete one, two, or up to three courses per semester. Students will also have the option to complete Level 2 of the certificate upon completion of Level 1. The certificates are "stackable" toward the Master of Finance program, meaning students who complete both certificates can apply these credit hours toward the full-degree program at Weatherhead School of Management, so long as the full 30 credit hours for the degree is completed within six years of the start of the certificate.

Programs

- Banking and Finance, Minor
- Finance, BSM
- Finance, MFin
- Finance, MFin (China)
- FinTech, Minor

Dual Degrees

- Business Administration, MBA/Finance, MFin
- Toward Graduate or Professional Degrees (Integrated Study Programs)

Related Programs

- Business Management, BSM
- Business Management, Minor
- Entrepreneurship, Minor