Department of Finance

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Department Mission Statement
The Department of Finance is a major unit within the College of
Business Administration. Our curriculum prepares students to be
active participants in the finance industry. Based on our engagement
with finance professionals and the research of our faculty, we provide
innovative educational programs that enhance the skills of students and
apply lessons from the frontiers of academic research to critical business
problems. The Chicago Mercantile Exchange Market Training Laboratory
provides a unique environment to gain hands-on experience in trading
and to understand the intricacies of financial markets. The Finance
Department uses its Chicago location and fosters partnerships with the
financial and academic communities to develop the leadership potential
of our students.

The department’s teaching mission involves:

• Providing strong professional training for careers in finance.
• Connecting undergraduate students to the financial services industry
  in the Chicago area.
• Introducing curriculum designed for specific areas of the financial
  services industry such as global finance, derivatives, risk
  management, banking, and portfolio and other investment strategies.
• Utilizing contemporary information technology in the learning process.
• Drawing upon other departments for interdisciplinary teaching
  areas, including accounting, information and decision sciences, and
  managerial studies.

BS in Finance
The finance curriculum studies the principles of financial analysis and
control of individual business firms. It applies the principles to financial
management, the valuation and selection of securities, and the influence
of the monetary and banking system on economic activity. Students
majoring in finance study how money is stored, protected, received,
distributed, and managed. In the finance major, students are prepared
for careers in the financial services industry. Research faculty members
emphasize the newest and most innovative areas of finance.

Distinction
See Academic Honors (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/
business-administration/#/) in College of Business Administration section.

Degree Program
• BS in Finance (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/business-
  administration/fin/bs)