

FINANCE (GREAT VALLEY)

Integrated Undergrad-Grad Programs

Integrated B.S. in Finance and M.Fin. in Finance

This Integrated Undergraduate/Graduate (IUG) degree program combines the B.S. in Finance with the Master of Finance offered at the following campuses:

Undergraduate Degree

- Abington
- Harrisburg

Graduate Degree

- Great Valley

A significant portion of this IUG is currently offered as residential instruction. Please discuss the feasibility of completing the IUG with Dr. Qiang Qiang, Professor-in-Charge of the Master of Finance program, before beginning the application process. Dr. Qiang will be responsible for providing general advice to ensure IUG students follow all relevant undergraduate and graduate school policies, as well as providing admission guidelines and academic advice to ensure IUG students meet their personal educational goals.

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-210 Integrated Undergraduate-Graduate (IUG) Degree Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-210-integrated-undergraduate-graduate-degree-programs/>).

The IUG program offers exceptional students the ability to receive a B.S. in Finance and a Master of Finance (MFIN) within a five year period. Students are typically admitted into the integrated program at the end of their second year of their undergraduate studies, and then complete the IUG program over the next three years. Students must have completed no less than 60 credits to apply, and transfer students must have completed at least 15 credits at Penn State to enroll in the IUG.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

Students must apply to the program via the Graduate School application for admission, and must meet all the admission requirements of the Graduate School and the Finance graduate program for the Master of Finance degree, as listed on the Admission Requirements tab. Before applying to the Graduate School, students must have completed entrance to their undergraduate major and have completed no less than 60 credits. Students must be admitted no later than the end of the second week of the semester preceding the semester of expected conferral of the undergraduate degree. Transfer students must have completed at least 15 credits at Penn State to enroll in an IUG.

The GMAT/GRE requirement is waived for IUG applicants whose undergraduate degree will be awarded by Penn State.

In consultation with an adviser, students must prepare a plan of study appropriate to this integrated program, and must present their plan of

study to the head of the graduate program overseeing the integrated program prior to being admitted to the program. The plan should cover the entire time period of the integrated program, and it should be reviewed periodically with an adviser as the student advances through the program.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Students must fulfill all requirements for each degree in order to be awarded that degree, subject to the double-counting of credits as outlined below. Degree requirements for the B.S. in Finance are listed in the Undergraduate Bulletin. Degree requirements for the M.FIN. degree are listed on the Degree Requirements tab.

The following is the list of courses which will double count for both the B.S. in Finance and the Master of Finance. Up to 12 credits may be double counted towards the degree requirements of both undergraduate and graduate degrees; a minimum of 50% of the double counted credits must be at the 500 or 800 level.

Code	Title	Credits
Courses Eligible to Double Count for Both Degrees		
BA 831	Foundations in Finance	3
ACCTG 512	Financial Accounting Theory and Reporting Problems	3
BUSAD 525	Quantitative Methods in Finance	3
FIN 808	Analysis of Financial Markets	3

Students must sequence their courses so that all undergraduate degree requirements are fulfilled before taking courses to count solely towards the graduate degree. Students must complete the undergraduate degree requirements within the typical time to degree for the undergraduate major. In the semester in which the undergraduate degree requirements will be completed, IUG students must apply to graduate, and the undergraduate degree should be conferred at the next appropriate Commencement. If students accepted into the IUG program are unable to complete the M.FIN. degree, they are still eligible to receive their undergraduate degree if all the undergraduate degree requirements have been satisfied.