

# MBA - Finance Concentration

## Curriculum

The Master of Business Administration degree program with a concentration in Finance takes the graduate student to the next level of strategy and analysis. The program's specialized curriculum allows students to focus their advanced degree studies to best position themselves for success in the evolving corporate environment. Developed and updated in collaboration with students and successful industry leaders, the MBA degree program with a concentration in Finance provides our diverse student body with the expertise to advance in their professional careers by attaining business competencies as well as leadership, strategic and creative-thinking skills in the ever-changing global business environment.

Upon completion of the program, graduates are expected to:

- Gather, interpret and analyze research to inform decision-making at operational and strategic levels of an organization.
- Use advanced communication skills and awareness of cultural differences in global and domestic business interactions.
- Analyze problems from a diverse perspective, propose effective solutions and evaluate the impact of executive decisions.
- Assess and evaluate business entities taking into account cross-functional environments as they affect ethical decision making in domestic and global organizations.
- Apply knowledge of financial theories and practices to solve organizational and consumer economic challenges.

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Master of Business Administration

### Foundation Courses

BUSN5000	Business Fundamentals	3
BUSN5010	Quantitative Methods in Business	3

### Core Courses

ACCT5600	Accounting for Strategic Decision-Making	3
BUSN5600	Business Analytics	3
FISV5600	Financial Management	3
MGMT5575	Operations Management	3
MGMT5800	Effective Leadership	3
MRKT5500	Strategic Marketing	3
RSCH5800	Evidence-Based Research in Management	3

### Finance Courses \*

FISV6050	Strategic Financial Planning	3
Choose three of the following:		9
FISV5410	Personal Financial Planning	
FISV5420	Estate Planning	
FISV5430	Principles of Risk and Insurance	
FISV5440	Retirement Planning	
FISV6056	Fundamentals of Investment and Portfolio Management	
FISV6430	Applied Behavioral Finance	
FISV6490	Institutional Portfolio Management	

### Career Capstone Course

MGMT6800	Business Policy and Strategy	3
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**Total Credits** 42.0

\* Note for Providence Campus students: MBA concentration courses may only be available online. Students should consult with their academic advisor regarding course availability and for planning.

## Admissions Requirements

To be considered for admission into any JWU graduate degree program offered on campus, the following documents must be submitted:

1. A completed graduate application for admission
2. Official or certified transcripts/mark sheets from all institutions attended, including proof of bachelor's degree and master's degree (if applicable) conferral. Transcripts issued to a student are not considered official unless in an unopened university envelope. When a graduate program application is submitted prior to completing requirements for the bachelor's degree, Graduate Admissions will consider the application and, if admissible, will offer an acceptance pending submission of final

transcript verifying bachelor degree conferral. Without such verification, students may not be allowed to register for the current semester or continue enrollment, and will be in jeopardy of losing their academic status with the university.

3. Statement of Purpose: an essay explaining your motivation, aptitude and goals related to graduate-level study
4. Two letters of recommendation from individuals qualified to attest to the applicant's potential for success at the graduate level of study
5. Current résumé or CV
6. Applicants holding a bachelor's degree in any area are welcome to apply; a 2.85 cumulative grade point average is required.

## Conditional Acceptance

Conditional acceptance to certain graduate business programs may be extended to students who have a 2.41–2.84 cumulative undergraduate grade point average and demonstrate significant evidence of professional success. Students granted conditional acceptance may take a maximum of three JWU graduate courses in their first semester (students may not enroll in two 8-week courses at the same time). If an overall GPA of 3.0 is earned in the first conditional semester, the student will be granted full admission to that program. Students who do not earn an overall GPA of 3.0 will be dismissed from the program and will not be accepted to any JWU graduate program.