



THE UNIVERSITY  
OF TAMPA

B.S. in Finance

B.S. in International Business and Finance

B.S. in Financial Enterprise Systems

Minor in Finance

M.S. in Finance

MBA with Concentration in Finance

The dynamic nature of financial management requires professionals who have analytical, conceptual and decision-making skills. UT's finance curriculum teaches these critical skills and is frequently updated to reflect the most current models and tools. Students also benefit from hands-on learning opportunities using industry-standard software in UT's financial trading center, shown above.

## What Will You Learn?

UT **finance majors** learn how to analyze and manage financial resources and investments. The program offers instruction in all areas of business through courses in accounting, managerial statistics, management information systems, economics, marketing and management. This is combined with contemporary studies in managerial finance, investments, financial institutions, international finance, entrepreneurial finance and more.

**Topics of study** include:

- Application of accounting principles and techniques to financial analysis
- Purpose of financial markets and their role in the managerial finance function
- Valuation of firms and securities
- How to formulate appropriate portfolio strategies for individual and institutional investors
- Ethical decision-making in finance

- Factors that affect a company's cost of capital
- How to evaluate the working capital policy of an organization

**International business and finance majors** enjoy the benefit of in-depth study in finance coupled with an interdisciplinary global perspective, including language proficiency, cultural awareness and an education abroad experience.

A **minor in finance** can complement any course of study. Scientists, civic leaders, nonprofit managers, teachers and many others need financial management skills to make the most of their resources.

The **M.S. in Finance** provides advanced study in corporate finance, investments, financial markets, valuation and international finance. UT's **MBA** program also offers a **concentration in finance**.

## Internationally Recognized Program

The Sykes College of Business is accredited at the undergraduate

and graduate levels by AACSB International (the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business), an honor held



by only six percent of business schools worldwide. It is rated a top graduate business school in the U.S. by *Bloomberg Businessweek*, and since 2007 has been named among the best business schools in the world by The Princeton Review.

## FACULTY highlights

Department of Finance faculty are accomplished professionals who maintain close ties to the business community to continually update the material delivered to students and to provide opportunities for internships and career placement.



**Lonnie Bryant, Ph.D., MBA**  
professor

Lonnie Bryant teaches courses in business analysis and valuation, financial management and investment strategy. His areas of interest include investments, corporate finance, financial markets and real estate. He has received numerous grants and awards for his teaching and research.



**Cheri Etling-Paulsen, Ph.D.**  
associate professor

Cheri Etling-Paulsen's areas of expertise include derivative securities, corporate finance, new venture financing, investments and insurance. She teaches courses in financial management, risk management, global business and financial policies and strategies.



### State-of-the-Art Facilities

Within an 80,000-sq.-ft. facility, the Sykes College of Business offers state-of-the-art resources such as the Huizenga Family Foundation Trading Center, which provides Bloomberg Terminal real-time trading information for hands-on financial management.

### Practical Experience

Applied projects bring the real world into the classroom by encouraging student interactions in the management of investment portfolios and corporate financial decisions.

The **Bailey Student Investment Fund** is one example of the experiential education opportunities in the finance curriculum. The fund is managed by a class of undergraduate students who analyze specific securities and make all investment decisions. The fund began with \$100,000 about 10 years ago and was recently valued at \$180,000.

**Internships** and other hands-on projects take advantage of Tampa's status as a regional center for business and finance, granting students access to financial institutions such as Citi, PwC, T. Rowe Price and Raymond James Financial Services that have significant local operations.

Students also interact with the business community through in-class consulting projects, professional guest speakers, field trips and international programs.

### Training with Technology

Finance students not only have direct access to knowledgeable professors with practical expertise, but they also learn to use the most current technology — including SAP's compustat database, Oracle's Crystal Ball simulation software and Bloomberg Terminal. UT's high-tech trading room offers students hands-on experience in investment management. Training with technology gives students a competitive edge over other job applicants in the industry.



## What Can You Do With This Major?

The financial industry offers challenging, diverse and lucrative career opportunities for self-motivated, diligent candidates. Change is constant in the field of finance, requiring continued education in technology, government regulations and the globalization of the marketplace.

The rising importance of financial management and the growing complexity of investments and financial services have led to greater demand for corporate finance professionals. Finance students are prepared for careers in such areas as commercial banking, brokerage, individual and institutional investments, insurance, financial analysis and planning, portfolio management and more.

**Sample job titles** include:

- Financial Manager
- Financial Analyst
- Financial Adviser
- Commercial Banker
- Retail Banker
- Budget Analyst
- Financial Services Associate

Many finance graduates continue their education through UT's graduate programs, earning the **M.S. in Finance** or the **MBA** (which offers a concentration in finance) in order to develop greater expertise in areas such as corporate finance, investment portfolio management, finance markets and international finance. Others enroll in universities across the country including the University of Florida, Georgetown University, Colorado School of Mines, Southern New Hampshire University and Brooklyn College.

### Ana Arrambide '06 B.S. in Finance and Economics

After graduating from UT, Ana Arrambide attended Johns Hopkins University, where she earned her master's degree in economics. Since then she has worked for the Department of Treasury and U.S. Congress, and is now a financial analyst for the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, D.C. "If this is your passion, prepare yourself as much as possible in the areas of math, statistics and technology," she advises.

UT's finance degree is good preparation for the **Chartered Financial Analyst** (CFA) exam. The CFA designation is the most respected investment credential in the world, recognized by employers as the definitive standard by which to measure the competence, integrity and dedication of investment professionals. Some graduates successfully pursue the **Certified Financial Planner** (CFP) certification, the recognized standard of excellence for competent and ethical personal financial planning.

### Did You Know?

A survey from the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) found that finance is one of the top majors with the highest starting salaries, with an average starting salary of \$58,464 in 2019.



## alumni profiles

### Michael Magnotto '16

Serves as an exchange coordinator for Bloomberg LP in New York City.

### Dominique Brillantes '15

Works as a senior allocation analyst for TJ Maxx in Boston.

### Abraham Rahmanizadeh '13

Works as an investment banking analyst at Barclays in New York City. Previously served as a financial risk intern at Raymond James.

### Todd Youngs '09 CFA

MBA and M.S. in Finance  
Has worked for Merrill Lynch and Franklin Templeton. Currently is a manager of research and analytics at PwC.

### Ryan Ford '08 CFA

M.S. in Finance  
Has worked for Citigroup and Raymond James. Currently is a senior research analyst at Franklin Templeton.

### Jharrone Martis '07

MBA, Finance  
Serves as director of consumer research for Thomson Reuters. Is a prominent retail analyst who has appeared frequently on CNBC.

### Rudolf deLange '06

MBA, Finance  
Has worked at Merrill Lynch and is currently a manager at PwC in the United Kingdom.



**Aaron Riccio '18**  
**B.S. in Finance**  
**New York City, NY**  
**UT Investment Banking Society cofounder**

“Majoring in finance allowed me to learn from talented professors that strive to push student growth and improvement,” said Aaron, who served as a summer research analyst at the Sheptoff Investment Group in Connecticut and Gladstone Morgan International in Shanghai, and who now works as an advisory analyst for Valencia Realty Capital in New York. “The Sykes College of Business continuously supports students through a great educational environment with exceptional resources and facilities.”

## Student Organizations

Finance students are encouraged to join UT’s chapter of **Delta Sigma Pi**, an international business fraternity that sponsors seminars, guest speakers from the business community and professional development programs. Qualified students also are invited to join the **Beta Gamma Sigma** national business honor society for AACSB-accredited schools. These and other business organizations at UT offer guest speakers and field trips, as well as professional development, guidance and networking.

## Honors Programs

Eligible students are invited to participate in **UT’s Honors Program**, which fosters a close-knit atmosphere among the most inquisitive, intellectually spirited and enterprising students.

Innovative courses and one-on-one tutorials promote learning in ways that go beyond regular coursework.

**Phi Kappa Phi** is the nation’s oldest, most selective, most prestigious all-discipline honor society. Top students are invited to join in their junior or senior year.

## Career Services

UT’s Office of Career Services offers advisory services to students, helping them prepare effective résumés, find internships and apply for positions with top companies in the Tampa Bay area and beyond. Students and alumni have free, lifetime access to a variety of tools and networks to help advance their careers. This includes Handshake, a specialized online resource exclusively for UT students and alumni that posts job openings from companies looking for well-qualified candidates.



## About UT

The University of Tampa is a medium-sized, private university offering more than 200 undergraduate and graduate programs of study. Richly diverse, UT is the school of choice for approximately 9,600 students from all 50 states and 130 countries.

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