

Capital is the lifeblood of a business, and those who are involved in the financial end of a business create value for individual investors and corporate managers through intense evaluation of investment opportunities.

Degrees Offered and Required Credit Hours

St. Ambrose University offers a Bachelor of Arts in Finance. The Finance degree requires classes in subjects including finance, economics, general business, marketing and management. Internships are strongly recommended.

Program Highlights and Courses

Students studying Finance at St. Ambrose receive a broad liberal arts background coupled with a strong foundation in financial and economic theory that they can combine to understand why people make financial choices and how those choices affect business. See a full description of the program in the St. Ambrose course catalog at www.sau.edu/catalog.

The professors at St. Ambrose University are caring, competent, experienced in the “real world” and centered on helping students achieve their goals. We are energized by our students both in and out of the classroom and enjoy their interactions, discussions and presentations. Our goal is to prepare you both as a thinker and doer so that you will be able to start your career and progress quickly upon leaving St. Ambrose. Our aim is to provide you with a quality and enjoyable educational experience as you prepare for your rewarding career.

Internships and Job Opportunities

The Finance Department encourages students to participate in internship programs to receive quality hands-on experience. Finance students from St. Ambrose have received internships at various regional and national corporations, including RSM McGladrey, the former John Deere Health Care, Merrill Lynch and Morgan Stanley.

Job opportunities for finance majors after graduation have been some of the fastest-growing positions over the last 10 years and are projected to continue to grow at the same fast pace through 2024, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. A finance degree from St. Ambrose can expand into a variety of careers: asset manager, financial analyst, financial planner, investment banker, portfolio manager, stockbroker, credit analysts and real estate manager in financial institutions and controllers and treasurers in the traditional corporate setting. The Finance degree also helps students pursue diverse careers in state and government sectors and non-profit organizations.



Financial Assistance

Students have the opportunity to compete for scholarships awarded by the university based on need or academic merit. Occasionally, there are scholarship opportunities specifically targeted to finance majors.

Finance Club

The Finance Club is a student-run organization to assist students in understanding global financial markets, finance careers, networking skills and leadership opportunities. The club promotes finance/investment related activities and seminars, organizes social events, raises funds, invites guest speakers and alumni, and arranges an annual trip to the Chicago Board of Options Exchange.

Alumni

Graduates with finance degrees currently work at Deere and Company, Caterpillar, Merrill Lynch, Ameriprise Financial, Inc. and various regional and national corporations.

About the Faculty

Many faculty members in the Finance Department have real-world experience in business and finance. Whether it's working with venture capital or doing transactions in another country, they bring it all to the classroom.

Xiaowei Liu, PhD, professor, teaches finance courses at both the graduate and undergraduate level. He worked as a financial analyst in China before coming to the United States to pursue an academic career. He earned a PhD in finance from Rutgers University and also earned CFA and FRM professional designations. He has taught at St. Ambrose since 2005.

M. Imitaz Mazumder, PhD, associate professor, teaches finance courses at both the graduate and undergraduate level. He has numerous published articles and has presented research at conferences and seminars. His research and teaching interest includes investments, international finance, financial institutions and corporate finance. He earned his PhD in financial economics from the University of New Orleans. Prior to coming to SAU, he taught at SUNY, New York. He has been at St. Ambrose since 2011.

Arthur Moreau, PhD, professor, has published an extensive list of scholarly articles and participated in numerous conferences, often serving as a session chair. In addition, he has served as a consultant expert to key industrial firms as well as governmental agencies. He has mentored many students who have gone on to pursue graduate degrees. He received his doctoral degree from the University of Iowa.

Liquan Wang, PhD, associate professor, teaches finance at both the undergraduate and graduate levels and has been with St. Ambrose since 2006. He previously taught at Philander Smith College and Texas A&M University. He holds a PhD in economics from Duke University and his primary field of study is financial economics.

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