



Overview

Courses are taught by College of Business Department of Finance faculty, who bring their expertise into the online classroom. Study topics such as:

- Security valuation
- Portfolio management
- Pricing of futures, options, and swaps
- Corporate risk management
- Financial globalization
- Exchange rate behavior
- Personal finance
- Real estate market analysis

Option to pursue a master's degree

Courses successfully completed with a grade of "B" or better as part of the online finance certificate may also count toward elective credit hours required for completion of CSU's online [Master of Business Administration \(M.B.A.\)](#), after formal admission per [University transfer policies](#). However, successful completion of the courses or certificate does not guarantee admission to the degree program.

Curriculum

Required courses include:

- **BUS 601** – Quantitative Business Analysis
- **BUS 640** – Financial Principles and Practice
- **BUS 641** – Financial Markets and Investments

Elective courses include (select five):

- **REL 602** – Real Estate Finance and Investing (2 cr)
- **FIN 602** – Options and Futures (1 cr.)
- **FIN 606** – Fundamentals of International Finance (1 cr.)
- **FIN 608** – Fundamentals of Firm Valuation (1 cr.)
- **FIN 609** – Fundamentals of Personal Finance (1 cr.)
- **FIN 613** – Alternative Investments (2 cr.)
- **FIN 650** – Behavioral Finance (2 cr.)

Admission to a business graduate program and/or additional coursework may be required to meet prerequisites. [Contact the department for more details.](#)

Delivery

Online

Credits

11 credits

Additional prerequisite coursework may be required

Tuition

\$998 per credit

- Includes [Student Services](#)
- [Fees](#) assessed separately
- [Financial aid](#) is available; eligibility determined on an individual basis

Time frame

Varies based on intensity of study and course availability

More info

online.colostate.edu/certificates/finance

Contact

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How to Apply

Applied Finance - Graduate Certificate



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
ONLINE

Application Deadlines

Fall semester: **August 1** Spring semester: **January 1**

1 Review Admission Requirements

Graduate certificate applicants generally must meet or exceed the following criteria:¹

- An undergraduate degree from an accredited four-year institution in any field
- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher from your most recent degree completed²
- International applicants: minimum TOEFL or IELTS scores³
 1. While we encourage our students to meet the minimum criteria, failure to meet one may be offset by strengths in other areas, as determined by the Graduate Program Committee.
 2. Please submit an academic performance explanation if your GPA was lower than 3.0.
 3. A minimum Internet-based TOEFL score of 86 or a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 or a minimum of PTE score of 58 is required for all certificates except Accounting Ethics and Auditing, which requires a minimum Internet-based TOEFL score of 95 or minimum IELTS score of 7.0.

2 Complete Online Application

Complete the [online graduate application](#) and pay the nonrefundable application processing fee (payable online). As soon as you have completed the required information, please submit your application. Your application will not be reviewed until it is complete and all required materials have been received.

- Choose “Applied Finance (Certificate) – Distance” when choosing the Program of Study. (Note: You must first select “Certificate” at the top.)

3 Request Transcripts

Request one official transcript of all collegiate work completed from every institution attended, whether or not you received a degree from those institutions. Transcripts from Colorado State University are not required. Official transcripts can either be mailed in or sent as e-transcripts.

Send e-transcripts to: gradadmissions@colostate.edu

Send paper copies to:
Graduate Admissions
Colorado State University – Office of Admissions
1062 Campus Delivery
Fort Collins, CO 80523-1062

Check Your Application Status

View your [application status](#) at any time to ensure your application checklist is complete or to check on updates. Once your complete application, including supporting materials, is received, the department admission committee will review your application and notify you of their decision.

International Students

See [website](#) for test score and transcript requirements.

