



PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

Department of Finance

Why Study Finance at Providence College?

Our finance degree program covers the traditional areas of finance — corporate finance, investments, risk management, and financial markets and institutions — with an emphasis on quantitative analysis. But it's also built on a firm liberal arts foundation and reinforced by a values-based philosophy. This allows our students to learn how to tackle complex financial challenges with high professional and ethical standards and a broad-based perspective — giving them a clear, competitive advantage with employers seeking talent that can excel in today's multifaceted business environment.



A Nationally Ranked, Accredited School of Business

The Providence College School of Business, home to the Department of Finance, joined the ranks of just 30% of U.S. business schools when it earned accreditation from AACSB International in 2012. It's also listed by *Poets and Quants* as being among the top undergraduate business schools in the nation.

Many courses are taught in the state-of-the-art, award-winning Arthur F. and Patricia Ryan Center for Business Studies, which opened in spring 2017. The Ryan Center includes specialized business computer labs, as well as collaboration, conference, and breakout rooms, and a professional development suite. This unique education and learning environment — based on the power of “we” rather than the power of “me” — makes our graduates indispensable to employers and personally fulfilled.



Business Experience Beyond the Classroom

94% of PCSB graduates participated in at least one internship.

Real-world learning and interaction with business leaders is an integral part of a PCSB education. The finance department offers the opportunity for experiential learning through:

- internships at esteemed organizations such as Goldman Sachs, Citigroup, Fidelity, and others.
- the Student Managed Investment Fund, in which students analyze equities and market sectors and manage a real-money portfolio.
- a cutting-edge information resource lab, equipped with Bloomberg terminals and other data sources to track the market in real time and perform detailed financial analysis.
- the Student-Led Asset Management (SLAM) club gives students experience in investment management across a range of asset classes.



Distinguished Faculty

About 20 accomplished individuals make up our faculty, bringing to our students a wealth of expertise and insight. Our faculty hold doctoral degrees from highly regarded universities such as the University of Georgia, the University of Texas, the University of South Florida, Syracuse University, and University of Massachusetts Amherst, and advanced degrees from universities that include Harvard University, McGill University, and Fordham University.

They have worked or consulted for a range of corporations, non-profits, and government agencies, including the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the World Bank, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, the CFA Institute, the CAIA Association, Fitch Ratings, Merrill Lynch, and Citigroup.

Their work is published in a wide variety of high-quality peer reviewed journals.



Our Finance Degree Programs

Bachelor of Science in Finance

The bachelor of science in finance exposes students to the traditional areas of study within the discipline of finance: corporate finance, investments, financial institutions, and risk management.

Finance Quant Track — FINq

The Department of Finance offers a quantitative track option (FINq), which provides the opportunity to complete the required finance courses with a greater focus on quantitative analysis and computer coding. The goal of FINq is to better prepare students for the quantitative positions in commercial banking/credit risk analysis, investment/wealth management, and corporate financial planning and analysis (FP&A).

Careers in Wealth Management and Corporate Financial Planning & Analysis

Students who wish to pursue a career in wealth management or corporate financial planning and analysis (CFP&A) have the ability to pursue these options at the undergraduate level by selecting the appropriate finance curriculum augmented by co-curricular activities. Our degree program has been accepted into the CFA Institute University Recognition Program and we provide a range of finance courses to help prepare student to sit for the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) level 1 exam as well as a selection of FP&A certifications. This provides our students with a clear, competitive advantage, increasing their value to a wide range of employers, including those involved with financial analysis, securities analysis, investment banking, treasury management, asset and liability management, and financial planning.

Partnership with the Risk Management Association

The Risk Management Association (RMA) offers scholarships to undergraduate finance majors who are interested in working in the banking industry after graduation. Additionally, as part of the partnership with the RMA, the PCSB offers a comprehensive Commercial Credit Risk Analysis course that culminates with students taking the RMA Credit Essentials Certificate exam.

Finance Minor

Students may also choose to complement another program of study with a minor in finance, with approval of the finance department chair and completion of six required finance courses and one finance elective.

SELECTED COURSES

Commercial Credit & Risk Analysis
Computational Thought
Corporate Treasury Management
Enterprise Risk Management
Financial Modeling
Financial Markets & Institutions
Fixed Income Securities Investments
International Finance
Insurance & Risk Management
Options and Futures
Portfolio Management
Real Estate Finance



Life After PC

96%
of
2016-2020

finance graduates
are employed and/or attending graduate school

82% *are employed only*

9% *are attending school only*

5% *are employed and attending school*

Selected Places of Employment/Service

Ameriprise • Bank of America • BlackRock • BNY Mellon
Boston Consulting Group • Brown Brothers Harriman
Cambridge Associates • Citigroup • Citizens Financial Group
Deloitte • E*TRADE • EY • Fidelity Investments
Foresters Financial • General Electric • JP Morgan Chase
KPMG • Liberty Mutual Insurance • Mercer • Merrill Lynch
MLB • Montreal Canadiens • PwC • Raytheon
State Street Corporation • Wells Fargo

Select Graduate Schools

Boston College • Columbia University • Duke University
Harvard University • Massachusetts Institute of Technology
New York University • Northeastern University
Providence College • Seton Hall University
Tulane University Law School
University of Massachusetts • University of Notre Dame
Villanova University