Why choose this course?

Finance is a dynamic field, focusing on the borrowing, lending and investing of money by individuals, financial institutions, business and government organisations. Professional financiers administer the finance function of organisations, analysing and interpreting information to assess their needs and provide advice.

With a degree in finance you will develop the skills to analyse business portfolios and provide recommendations for best financial returns. In this course you have the opportunity to listen to real-world practitioners as they explain how the value of investments changes over time.

You will learn core concepts and skills in finance related to project evaluation, capital structure, security analysis and pricing, portfolio management, international finance and risk management.

Throughout this course you will take part in hands-on projects including capital investment appraisal, firm valuation, portfolio allocations and risk management using up-to-date information from our Securities Dealing Room.

Students who are keen to gain a deeper understanding of finance should consider enrolling in one or both of the finance extensions. Empirical finance extension develops students’ advanced technical and research skills and is a useful foundation for students considering honours. Financial services extension is designed for students considering a career in the banking and financial services sectors.

If you are fascinated by foreign investment, exchange rates, stock market fluctuations or corporate finance, consider a career in finance.

Real-world learning

The major begins with units on quantitative analysis and economics that extend your learning from the core units of our Bachelor of Business degree. You will then be exposed to core concepts and skills in finance, including financial instruments, capital planning, funds acquisition, asset and debt management, financial analysis, and investments management.

Tasmin Trezise
Innovative graduates

‘As the co-founder of a tech start-up, Tanda, I’m responsible for managing our growth, future product and leading our team. Winning the 2014 QUT Bluebox Innovation Challenge was an incredible moment that is really helping Tanda transform as a business. I enjoy challenges and I find turning rough ideas into tangible commercial realities incredibly fulfilling.’
Bachelor of Business (Finance)

The finance capstone unit integrates learning across the major by giving you the opportunity to apply your skills to a variety of simulations of real-world situations in the finance industry.

Securities Dealing Room
QUT’s Securities Dealing Room gives you access to data from Bloomberg, providers of financial data to many of the world’s financial institutions. This comprehensive set of data on companies, commodities and economies will allow you, in your final-year project work, to conduct real-world financial analysis with the theories you have learned.

Minimum English requirements
Students must meet the English proficiency requirements.

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Course structure
Finance major units
- Financial markets
- Finance 1
- Economics 2
- Corporate finance
- International finance
- Investments
- Risk management and derivatives
- Finance capstone

Recommended complementary study areas

Finance extension options
- Empirical finance

Second major and minor options
- Economics
- Accountancy
- Management
- International business

Additional minor options
- Applied economics
- Quantitative economics

Careers and outcomes
Financial management skills are in demand by businesses of all kinds. The skills you develop in this course will prepare you for a variety of career paths including investment strategy, financial portfolio management, stock analysis or even corporate borrowing and managing foreign exchange risk.

Graduate positions include:
- financial analyst
- financial markets dealer
- commercial banker
- banking and finance professional
- corporate secretary
- investment manager
- stockbroker.

Professional recognition
Graduates of the finance major meet the academic requirements for associate membership of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia.

Scholarships
You can apply for scholarships to help you with study and living costs.
- Corporate Partners in Excellence (CPIE) Scholarship - commencing students
- Laurie Cowled Indigenous Scholarships for Business Students
- Equity scholarships scheme
- QUT Sport Scholarship (Elite Athlete)

Research pathways
Bachelor of Business (Honours) option
High-achieving students who wish to take further studies may enrol in BS63 Bachelor of Business (Honours).