

## Graduate Certificate Financial Technology

### **Program Requirements:**

A minimum of 15 credit hours are required for the degree program.

- The Graduate Certificate in Fintech is designed for finance professionals at all levels and other professionals interested in seeking specialized training in financial technology and data analytics to keep up with transformative changes in the financial industry and advance their careers.
- This 15-hour program focuses on financial technology (fintech), including topics like an introduction to fintech, blockchain, statistical inference, dynamic modeling, big data analytics, artificial intelligence and machine learning, robo advisors, algorithmic trading, financial derivatives, and portfolio analysis and management.

### **Application Requirements:**

1. [Online Graduate Application](#)
2. Statement of Purpose: A 1-2 page essay explaining your interest in the program and why you are a strong candidate.
3. Official transcripts from all universities attended. A Bachelor's degree is required.
4. Submit a resume or CV
5. Entrance examinations:
  - a. International Students must document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination. See [International Admissions](#) for more information.
6. **Minimum GPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale**
  - a. Students may be admitted on a restricted status if their GPA is slightly below 3.0.

### **Optional Materials:**

1. Letters of Recommendation: Recommendation letters are not required, but can strengthen an application, particularly for students with a GPA below 3.0
  - a. You may include your recommender's name and email address in your online application.

### **Application Deadlines:**

Domestic Applicants: Fall - July 1 ♦ Spring - December 1 ♦ Summer - May 1

Applications are processed as they are submitted. However, applications that are not received by the posted date may delay admission until the following semester.

### **Application Fees:**

\$50 for domestic applicants

\$40 for international applicants

### **Graduate Program Director:**

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### **Advising**

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