Global Finance (Graduate Certificate)

The on-campus graduate certificate program in global finance delivers the critical lessons students need for making sound international financing and investment decisions, including knowledge of global and regional economic and political landscapes, multinational tax management and country risk analyses.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Global Finance (Certificate)

The graduate certificate program in global finance provides specialized content knowledge in financial management, investments, private equity and portfolio management for business, governmental and nongovernmental entities that operate on a global scale. Knowledge of global and regional economic and political landscapes, multinational tax management and country risk analysis are key in financial decision-making.

The courses in this program position students in multinational entities where the accounting emphasis is on international financial reporting standards (IFRS) rather than the United States’ generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), and financial value creation is contingent on efficient management of cross-border transfer pricing, tax planning, currency hedging and interest rate risks. The courses help students explore the business and management differences in countries with varying corporate governance, joint venture structures and financial measures of country business performance. Courses emphasize an experiential approach to learning, using case studies featuring companies across the globe with different cultures and complex legal environments.

The certificate program may be completed in one semester, excluding any required prerequisite courses.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Thunderbird School of Global Management
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus
Degree Requirements

15 credit hours

Required Core (6 credit hours)
TGM 518 International Finance and Trade (3)
TGM 519 Global Financial Engineering (3)

Electives (9 credit hours)

Additional Curriculum Information
Students choose three elective courses from a restricted list. Additional courses may be utilized with approval from the academic unit.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Thunderbird School of Global Management.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree, in any field, from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

Applicants must have taken TGM 521 Managing for Global Value Creation and TGM 522 Global Financial Decisions, or TGM 502 Financial Management for Global Value Creation, or three credit hour 500-level graduate course with a minimum grade of "B" (scale is 4.00 = "A") or its equivalent. Coursework must be from a regionally accredited institution, from an institution accredited by a business accreditation
organization such as the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS) or Association of MBAs (AMBA), or from other institutions with approval of the academic unit.

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