Global Finance (Graduate Certificate)

This program delivers a broad foundation of principles and practices that students of all experience levels can build on, including critical lessons needed for making sound international financing and investment decisions.

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 rather than the United States' generally accepted accounting principles 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 school's innovative and practical curriculum, with a strong core of global business management skills, international political economy and cross-cultural training, is delivered through a transdisciplinary approach.

Thunderbird School of Global Management has produced unique leaders for more than 70 years, leaders in every sector capable of tackling the world's greatest challenges. The alumni network comprises 45,000 graduates and 170 chapters around the globe.
At a Glance

• College/School: Thunderbird School of Global Management
• Location: Downtown Phoenix

Degree Requirements

15 credit hours

Required Core (6 credit hours)
TGM 518 International Finance and Trade (3)
TGM 519 Derivatives and Risk Management: Strategies and Applications (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 cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (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 must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

International students who need an F1 or J1 visa first need to apply to and be accepted into a graduate degree program prior to being considered for the certificate program. International students residing in the
USA on other types of visas must adhere to all Graduate College policies and procedures regarding admission be considered for admission to this certificate program.

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 a 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, European Quality Improvement System or Association of MBAs, or from other institutions with approval of the academic unit.

**Career Opportunities**

Graduates who have combined the certificate in global finance with their major program of study may become more marketable to employers. They often decide to pursue employment in corporate finance, internal audit or investment banking areas.

Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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