

Financial Decision-Making, Professional Certificate

Requirements

The professional Certificate in Financial Decision-Making requires 12 s.h. of credit. Students must earn a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.75 in certificate coursework.

The certificate is open to individuals with a desire to build their financial decision-making knowledge and skills. It is also open to current Iowa MBA Program students. Students in the Iowa MBA Program may complete the certificate as they work toward their degree; the certificate is designed to fit into the MBA curriculum allowing students to earn the MBA and the certificate without additional coursework.

This certificate provides students with tools to evaluate financial information and make mission-driven management decisions. Students will learn to analyze, identify, and evaluate problems and solutions. This certificate is designed for managers involved in financial forecasting and investing or those looking to pivot into that area.

Certificate courses are offered online and select courses may occasionally be offered in Des Moines at the John and Mary Pappajohn Education Center (JMPEC).

Not all courses listed are regularly offered. Students should consult MyUI for course availability and/or discuss course offerings with their advisor.

The Certificate in Financial Decision-Making requires the following coursework.

Course #	Title	Hours
All of these:		
MBA:8140	Corporate Financial Reporting	3
MBA:8150	Data and Decisions	3
ACCT:9040	Financial Statement Analysis and Forecasting	3
One of these:		
BAIS:6150	Financial Analytics	3
BAIS:6190	Forecasting	3
FIN:9300	Corporate Finance	3
FIN:9310	Corporate Financial Strategy	3
MGMT:9185	Project Management	3

If MBA:8140 Corporate Financial Reporting or MBA:8150 Data and Decisions are waived, it must be replaced with an approved course from the preceding list.

Combined Programs

Certificate/Graduate Degrees

Students can pursue a professional Certificate in Financial Decision-Making concurrently with their graduate degree. A separate application to each degree program is required. Applicants must be admitted to both programs before they may be admitted to the combined degree program.

With graduate program approval, students may count up to 9 s.h. from the professional certificate toward their graduate degree.

With approval from the professional certificate program, students may count up to 3 s.h. from any graduate degree program toward their certificate.

Students should contact their degree program and the certificate program to work out combined program details.

Admission

Admission decisions are based upon completed application materials, including academic performance along with quality and quantity of work experience. For specific guidelines, see Certificate-Only Admissions on the Tippie College of Business website.

Applicants whose first language is not English must score at least 100 (internet-based) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or must have a successful admission interview. In place of the TOEFL, the certificate program accepts satisfactory International English Language Testing System (IELTS) scores or a Duolingo score of 120 or higher. For more information, see English Requirements for MBA Admission on the University of Iowa Admissions website.

Applications are accepted throughout the year; admission is for summer, fall, or spring entry.