MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

I would like to welcome you to our campus as the dean of the College of Business Administration at California State University, Long Beach, home of great people, great programs and great results.

The CBA is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB). Of the more than 13,000 business schools worldwide, only 620 institutions hold this prestigious accreditation. AACSB standards involve the academic and professional qualifications of our faculty and the achievement of learning goals for our students. We are committed to excellence in education, and our accreditation is a testimony to the hard work and dedication of our faculty and staff.

I invite you to connect with us as we prepare future business leaders for California, the nation, and the world. My vision is that by working together, the CBA will be recognized as the top business school in the CSU. Our guiding principles will be to engage, execute and excel, and with these values, I am sure that we can overcome whatever challenges come our way.

Michael E. Solt
Dean, College of Business Administration
Ulupo Center for Ethical Leadership

Finance and SMIF Advisory Boards

The Department of Finance at CSULB helps maintain its active interaction with the local finance and investment professions through two separate advisory boards that are tasked with working to continually improve the quality and the relevance of the education received by CSULB Finance majors and minors and to help ensure that our Student-Managed Investment Fund (SMIF) Program remains at the forefront of such programs throughout the country.

Faculty

The Department of Finance includes a talented faculty, committed to excellence in teaching and research that advances financial understanding.

For full information on our exemplary Finance Faculty please visit: csulb.edu/cba/finance/faculty

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Why Study Finance?

With coursework revolving around such areas as personal finance, corporate financial management, and the financial analysis of corporate projects, investments, financial institutions, international finance, the financial markets and the securities that trade on them (such as stocks, bonds, funds (ETFs) and derivative securities), and the interactions between all of these areas, Finance is a rigorous discipline that can help open the door to a wide variety of opportunities in business, government, and academia. In the business world, Finance students have gone on to such positions as management consultants, financial analysts, financial advisors, corporate treasurers, controllers, Chief Financial Officers (CFOs), investment bankers, portfolio managers, pension fund trustees, bank and insurance company executives. In government, Finance students have become legislative analysts or worked for regulatory agencies, helping to assess the impact of proposed legislation or investigating and enforcing the many regulations that affect our financial markets. Finally, some Finance students have gone on to earn their Ph.D.s, pushing forward our knowledge of finance and the financial markets and have become Chief Investment Officers (CIOs) for hedge funds or have returned to academia as Finance professors themselves.

Finance Student Activities & Programs

Financial Management Association:
Established in 1970, the Financial Management Association International (FMA) is a global leader in developing and disseminating knowledge about financial decision making. FMA’s mission is to broaden the common interests between academicians and practitioners, provide opportunities for professional interaction between and among academicians, practitioners and students, promote the development and understanding of basic and applied research and of sound financial practices, and to enhance the quality of education in finance. FMA’s members include finance practitioners and academicians and students who are interested in the techniques and advances which define the field of finance.

Student-Managed Investment Fund (SMIF) Program:
The CSULB Student Managed Investment Fund (SMIF) Program, created in August of 1995, was the first program of its type among CSU campuses. It is an honors-type program designed to provide its members with a unique and valuable experience in managing an investment portfolio consisting of actual monetary assets, rather than the “paper” transactions traditionally used in investment courses. The SMIF program began with donations totaling $50,000 and has since grown to include three separate portfolios totaling more than a quarter of a million dollars that the SMIF students manage in a team-oriented, presentation-intensive environment. The quality of the CSULB SMIF Program is reflected in the success of its alumni, a number of whom have gone on to work at prestigious investment firms, including Goldman Sachs, PIMCO, Wilshire Associates, Western Asset Management, and the Capital Group.

Studying Finance at CSULB

At CSULB, studies in Finance can be pursued at both the undergraduate and the graduate level. At the undergraduate level, those who seek the most in-depth exposure to Finance can become Business Administration majors with an option in Finance. Undergraduates who are earning majors outside of the College of Business Administration can supplement their studies by pursuing a minor in Finance. At the graduate level, MBA students can obtain a specialization in Finance.

Each of these alternatives for pursuing studies in Finance will help the student comprehend key issues and concepts of Finance and equip them with the practical tools required to apply such concepts to the real world of Finance. For further information, please visit: csulb.edu/cba/finance