

# Finance

## 1. General Overview

The School of Finance is an independent school that Soongsil University launched in 2010 as part of specialization strategy of the University. The School is meant to train financial professionals with Christian ethics. We teach both financial theories and financial practices for the graduates to be leaders of domestic and international financial markets. The School is projected to become a top-class financial program in Asia in terms of education and graduates employment by 2020.

The School provides the following incentives:

- A balanced curriculum between theories and practices of finance and a top-class faculty;
- A special scholarship program in which the beneficiaries receive a full scholarship, monthly living expenses and free use of the dormitory for four years; and
- Overseas language training, practicum experiences at financial institutions, and various volunteer programs.

## 2. Educational Goals/Objectives

The School of Finance pursues the following educational objectives as our core values to realize Vision 2020 and to fulfill its institutional missions:

- Academic excellence as a requirement for financial experts;
- Servant leadership based on Christian ethics;
- Practical value through specialization and consilience of the program; and
- Global network needed to educate global leaders in the 21st century.

## 3. Areas of Specialization and/or Course Titles

The School does not have sub-specializations per se; instead, we provide the following three curriculum paths for students to design their future careers. These paths are closely related to particular licenses and eventually to their future careers.

- CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst): Financial analysis and asset management
- FRM (Financial Risk Manager): Management of financial risks
- CFP (Certified Financial Planner): Financial planning and wealth management for financial customers

## 4. Career Opportunities/Job Situation

The global financial crisis since 2007 has prompted the government to reorganize the financial industry in Korea. There will be a great change in the field and the government is expected to initiate development projects for the financial industry. Accordingly, we expect tremendous job opportunities for our graduates in the field. Our graduates will find their jobs from the following four sectors:

- Financial institutions: banks, securities, asset management firms, insurance companies, and other financial institutions;
- Research institutes for financial institutions and other economics-related organizations;
- Enterprise: risk managers for corporations and small and midsize businesses; and
- Government and public institutions

## **5. Related Licenses**

- Certified Securities Investment Advisor
- Certified Derivatives Investment Advisor
- CFP: Certified Financial Planner
- FRM: Certified Financial Risk Manager
- CFA: Chartered Financial Analyst
- CPA: Certified Public Accountant