


PhD in **FINANCE**



BE A TOP RESEARCHER OR FINANCE LEADER

The region, and the world, need leading-edge thinking to support their business leaders—individuals equipped with the latest research-based knowledge in finance.



AUS' PhD in Finance, gives individuals the expertise and confidence to become a future leader in finance-related academia or business. Learn more about this program and what it can bring to the careers of those who earn it.

Why Choose our Graduate Program?

- Benefit from flexible timing of classes, which caters to busy professionals.
- Join an elite academic community and work closely with highly qualified faculty members who are world-class researchers.
- Gain cutting-edge knowledge through coursework, followed by an independent research dissertation under the supervision of top researchers, following the North American-style model.



Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the PhD in Finance are prepared for leadership in academia or industry. On completion of the program, graduates will be able to:

- critique methods of research and academic inquiry in the field of finance
- reconcile the results of research in the business field of study with extant theory
- identify, investigate and synthesize complex issues within the field by applying a range of analytical tools and theoretical models
- communicate research outcomes effectively to academic and practitioner audiences both orally and in writing
- publish scholarship in peer-reviewed journals related to business administration and finance
- teach effectively and disseminate fundamental knowledge in the field of study and related areas in business administration
- uphold standards of ethical academic conduct



The PhD-FIN Curriculum

Required and elective coursework, along with the comprehensive examination and the dissertation, are outlined below.

Business Core Courses

- **BUS 701** Philosophical Foundations of Business Research
- **BUS 703** Advanced Applied Econometrics
- **BUS 704** Applied Time Series Analysis

Required Courses in Finance

- **FIN 711** Finance Theory
- **FIN 713** Advanced Topics in Financial Markets and Institutions
- **FIN 714** Empirical Research Methods in Finance: Asset Pricing

Comprehensive Examination

- **FIN 791** Comprehensive Examination

PhD Dissertation (for a minimum 30 credit hours)

- **FIN 799** Dissertation

Elective Courses (minimum four courses)

- **FIN 712** Contemporary Issues in Financial Research
- **FIN 715** Advanced Corporate Finance Research
- **FIN 721** Seminar in International Finance
- **FIN 722** Corporate Restructuring and Reorganization
- **FIN 723** Advanced Topics in Corporate Governance and Compensation
- **FIN 724** Advanced Portfolio Management and Investment
- **FIN 725** Seminar in Financial Risk Management
- **FIN 794** Special Topics in Finance



DID YOU KNOW?

AUS offers full and partial graduate assistantships for qualified students, along with additional graduate student employment opportunities.

Dual Degree Program

Selected AUS PhD-FIN students can enroll in the dual degree program offered in conjunction with the prestigious Darla Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina's (USC). Through this partnership, selected AUS PhD-FIN students spend the second year of their program abroad, benefiting from the experience of international study and earning dual degrees from two leading business schools.


Students in the dual program will be under the supervision of faculty from both universities, and their thesis will be co-supervised by faculty from both AUS and USC. However, students will need to sit only one comprehensive exam, which will be administered by both institutions. After the year at USC, students in the program will return to AUS to complete their PhD requirements.

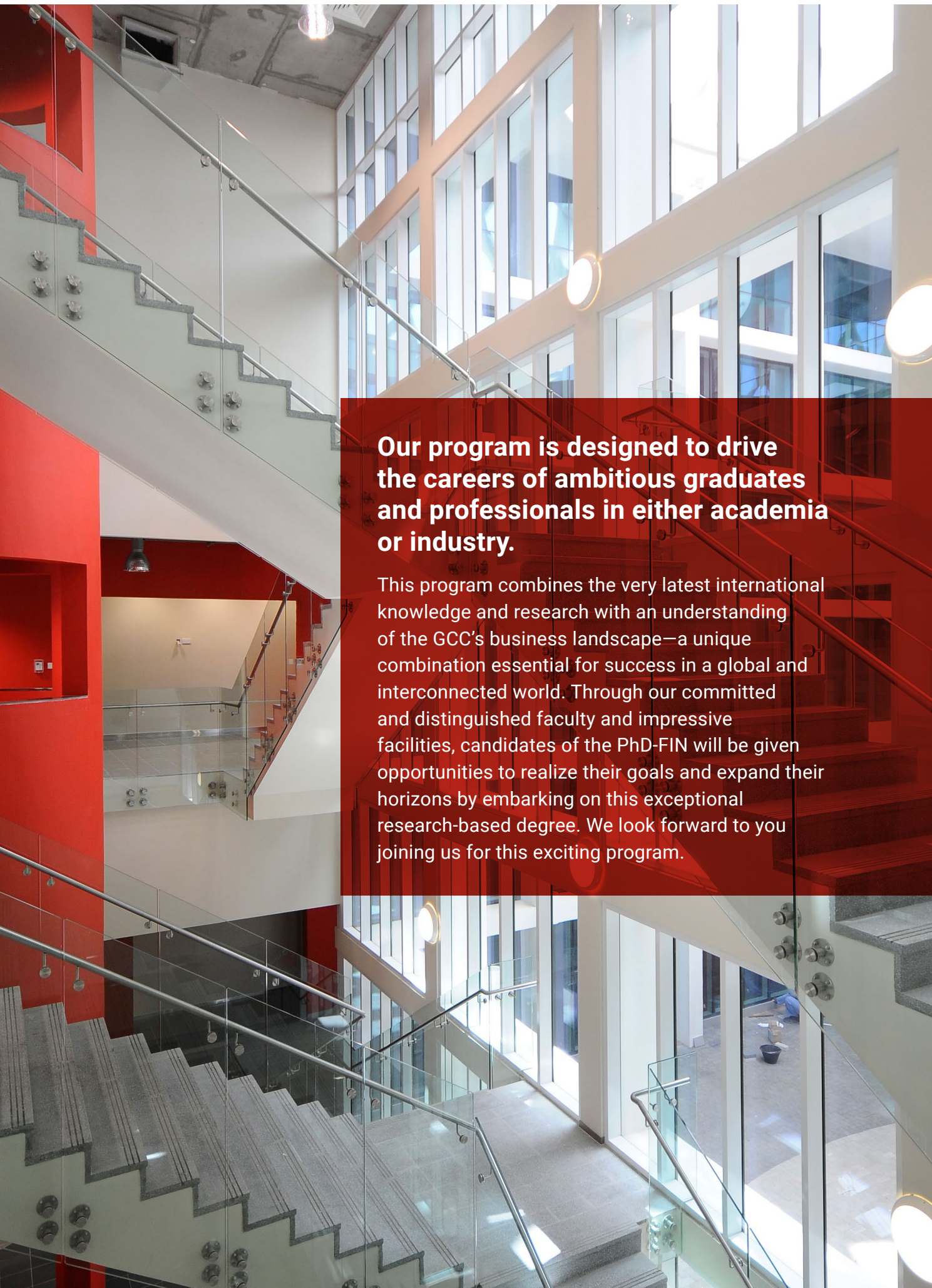
Due to limited places, admission to the dual program is competitive. Those who are successful will benefit from assistance in applying for visas, insurance and housing for their year abroad. Students will also be eligible for scholarships and stipend support to assist with academic and living costs.



Admission Requirements

In addition to meeting the university's **general requirements** for admission to PhD degree programs, applicants to the PhD-FIN degree program must meet the following program admission requirements:

- Applicants must have completed a Master of Science in Finance, a Master of Business Administration degree, or any related master's degree, with a minimum **CGPA of 3.0**.
 - Applicants must submit an official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score or Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) score.
 - Applicants must submit three letters of recommendation, a statement of purpose and a current vitae/resume.
 - Applicants to the PhD-FIN degree program will be required to have completed a graduate-level course in applied econometrics.
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Our program is designed to drive the careers of ambitious graduates and professionals in either academia or industry.

This program combines the very latest international knowledge and research with an understanding of the GCC's business landscape—a unique combination essential for success in a global and interconnected world. Through our committed and distinguished faculty and impressive facilities, candidates of the PhD-FIN will be given opportunities to realize their goals and expand their horizons by embarking on this exceptional research-based degree. We look forward to you joining us for this exciting program.

Why AUS?



- **Top 22 percent** of the world's ranked universities (2025)
- **Top 10 universities in the Arab world** for 10 years (2025)
- **Top 3 universities** in the UAE (2025)
- **#2 (tied) in the UAE** for business and management studies (2025)
- **#2 in employer reputation** in the UAE (2025)
- **#8 (tied) MBA in the Middle East and Africa** and among **the top 200 in the world** (2025)



- **Top five universities** in the world with the **highest percentage of international students** (2024)
- **Top 150 universities** in Asia (2024)



AUS has been named a Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) **Gold Institution** by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) based on its accomplishments in campus sustainability.



SBA is **accredited** by the prestigious Association to **Advance Collegiate Schools of Business** (AACSB).



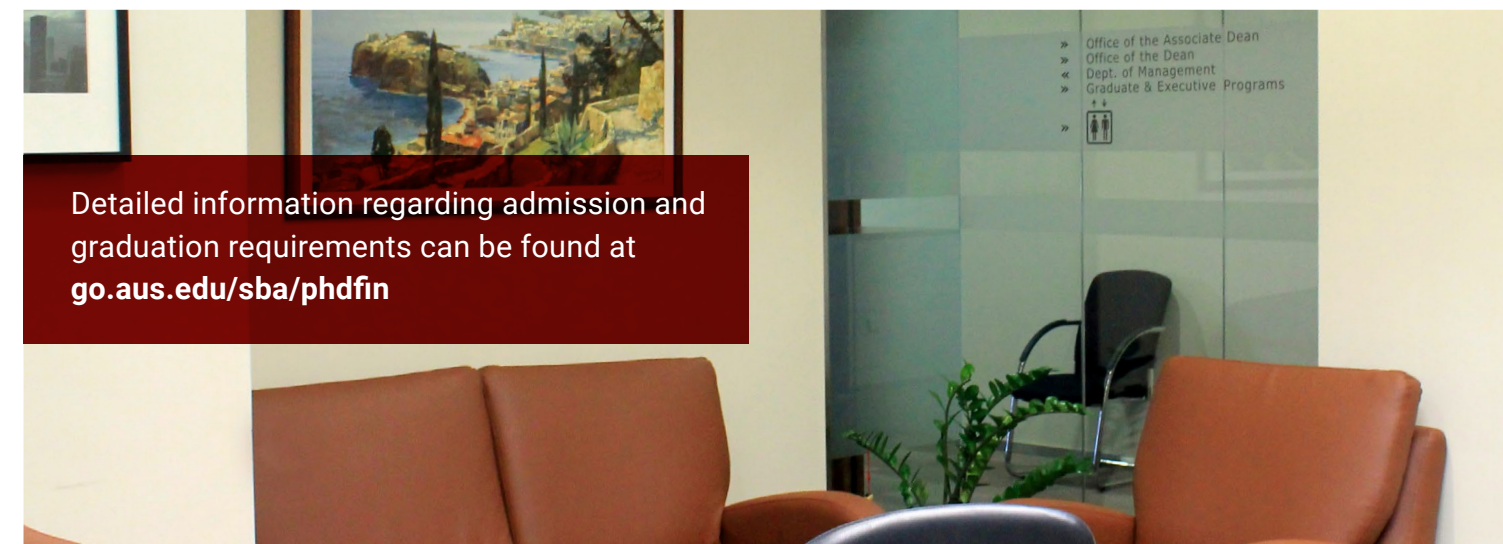
Bloomberg has granted AUS **Experiential Learning Partner** status. AUS is the first university in the region and one of only 35 universities worldwide to receive this prestigious accolade.



- **86 percent of SBA faculty hold professorial ranks**, having earned their PhDs from AACSB-accredited, predominantly North American universities.
- SBA's **student to faculty ratio is 15:1**.



- SBA is home to the region's **first interactive trading** floor, a replica of the trading firms of Wall Street or the Dubai Financial District.
- SBA maintains **strong connections with the business world** through **professional seminars, real-world projects and research**, and a **global network of successful AUS alumni**.



Detailed information regarding admission and graduation requirements can be found at go.aus.edu/sba/phdfin

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