INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

The Graduate Certificate in Investment Management provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to manage a balanced (fixed income and equity) investment fund. Those completing the certificate will gain a substantial competitive edge in pursuing a career as a financial analyst or investment advisor, and will have an outstanding foundation to become an investment portfolio manager, chief investment officer, or independent financier.

The curriculum features a broad spectrum of investment-related subjects, with an emphasis on intensive research and applied training in complex financial tools and techniques. The program also includes a professional internship. Central to the curriculum is the David O. Nicholas Applied Finance Lab, which is equipped with state-of-the-art professional databases, streaming financial news and financial software, replicating the technology and real-time market data, analysis, and news available to professional traders in investment firms.

Admission Requirements

Application Deadlines
If at any time you are unsure about a published date or deadline (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines), call the Registrar’s Office at (414) 229-3800 or submit a contact form (http://uwm.edu/registrar/contact-us) online.

Application
• Students wishing to obtain this certificate must declare their intention by applying to the program office or director.
• All graduate certificate applicants—even those already enrolled in a UWM graduate program—must apply to the Graduate School through the Panthera Admission Application (https://graduateschool-apply.uwm.edu).
• Graduate degree and previously admitted graduate non-degree students who decide to pursue a certificate program must submit the Panthera application before completing 6 credits in the certificate sequence.
• Applicants must possess a baccalaureate degree and have a minimum 2.75 cumulative undergraduate grade point average to be admitted in to a certificate program.

Credits and Courses

It is recommended that the following courses have been completed prior to admission to the certificate: BUS ADM 721 & BUS ADM 771 (or undergraduate equivalents). If not completed prior to admission to the certificate, BUS ADM 721 (or BUS ADM 301) and BUS ADM 771 must be taken concurrently with BUS ADM 552. Admission is competitive and is based on cumulative GPA, quantitative-related course grades, personal statement, a possible interview and interview essay, interest in investments and finance, and other considerations.

To obtain the certificate, a student must complete 18 credits of required coursework. The certificate may be completed alone, or in conjunction with a degree program. Due to the intensity of the coursework in the Investment Management Certificate, the program will be of most interest to students pursuing an M.S. in Management degree with a concentration in Finance Analysis, or an M.B.A.

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Internship Requirement
Students completing the certificate are also required to have an internship experience prior to graduation from the certificate program. The internship experience must be approved by the IMCP director.

Transfer Credit
No more than 20% of the required credits may be taken at an institution other than UWM. These courses are subject to Graduate School transfer policy and must be approved by the director of the certificate program.

Grade Point Average Requirement
A minimum cumulative 3.00 grade point average in certificate courses taken at UWM is required.

Articulation with Degree Programs
1. Credits and courses required for a certificate may double count toward meeting UWM graduate degree requirements subject to the following restrictions:
   • Degree programs must approve the courses from certificates that can double count toward the degree.
   • All credits taken in completion of certificate requirements may count towards a UWM graduate degree as long as they do not contribute more than 90% of the total credits needed to obtain the degree. (Note: Students in Ph.D. programs must still complete the minimum residency requirements)
   • Certificate courses used toward meeting degree requirements must be completed within the time limit for transfer credit.

2. Courses completed for a degree may be counted toward a subsequent certificate, subject to all certificate policy requirements.

3. A course may count toward no more than one certificate and one degree.

4. Students may not earn a certificate subsequent to a concentration in the same area.

Time Limit
Certificate program time limits shall be established as follows:
• 18 or fewer credits/Three years from initial enrollment in the certificate sequence.
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