

Financial Technology (“FinTech”) Minor and Certificate

The FinTech minor and certificate are jointly offered by the Department Finance and the Department of Information Technology and Operations Management. These programs enhance the qualifications of students pursuing careers in fields related to business, finance, and information technologies. Students acquire knowledge and skills in online and digital business and digital finance, as well as in developing, analyzing, and enhancing a company’s ability to access capital through financial technologies. Also, students will acquire knowledge and skills pertinent to use of financial technology in trading. Professions and majors benefiting from the minor and certificate include finance, information technology, management information systems and others.

The following are the requirements for students in the **Summer 2025 catalog and earlier.**

Required Courses: 12 credits (Minimum Grade “C”)

Course Title	Prefix & Number	Pre-requisites* (Minimum Grade “C”)
Crowdfunding** Important: only offered Spring terms	ENT4512	60 credits; FIN3403
Choose ONE of the following: Financial Derivatives Financial Institutions	Choose ONE : FIN4533 FIN4303	60 credits; FIN3403 60 credits; FIN3403
Blockchain – Business Implications	ISM4451	
Artificial Intelligence for Business	ISM4421	

*Some courses may require students to be declared in their major or to receive authorization from an advisor if not a business major.

**Crowdfunding was offered previously under a special topics code FIN4934. If taken under this code, speak to an advisor about a possible substitution.

Pre-requisites: 9 credits (Minimum Grade “C”)

Most students will need to complete all of the following pre-requisite to complete the minor or certificate. For non-business majors, a waiver of pre-requisites will be considered on a case-by-case basis via a College of Business Form 1 petition.

Course Title	Prefix & Number	Pre-requisites (Minimum Grade of “C”)
Accounting I (Financial)	ACG2021	30 credits
Accounting II (Managerial)	ACG2071	ACG2021
Financial Management	FIN3403	60 credits (54 credits w/advisor permission); ACG2021 & ACG2071

Additional Requirements

The **minor is open to all degree-seeking students** and allowed upon successful completion of the course work above and the simultaneous successful completion of a bachelor’s degree. For Business majors, a maximum of 3 credits used for the minor may count toward other Business major requirements. A minimum of 6 credits must be exclusive to the minor. A minimum of 9 credits for the minor must be taken at FAU.

The **certificate is open to all students.** College of Business certificates require 100% residency: all courses must be taken at FAU. All students must complete an application for certificate at the end of their second-to-last term at FAU in order for the certificate to be awarded. **Non-degree-seeking students** can [download the application for certificate](#) and e-mail the completed form to COBAdvising@fau.edu. **Degree-seeking students** must complete their application for certificate with an academic advisor during their application for degree preapproval meeting. For degree-seeking students, if all certificate courses were completed with or before the degree, then a certificate cannot be processed once the degree is awarded.

Students cannot obtain both the certificate and the minor.

Timely Graduation

Minors and certificates should be considered an optional direction for elective credits. Students may not add a minor or certificate without permission from a COB advisor (and main college advisor if different). Students are generally not permitted to add a minor/cert after earning 90 credit hours or if completing it will result in an Excess Hour Surcharge.

Maximum Course Attempts

FAU counts a “course attempt” as any time a student is enrolled in a course (at any institution) and earns either a grade or a “W”. FAU COB students may not attempt any course more than twice; **third attempts are not permitted.**

The FAU Catalog is the official source for information about these requirements.

<http://www.fau.edu/academic/registrar/FAUcatalog/>