

**MEMORANDUM**

ATTENTION Senate **DATE** January 14, 2025 
FROM Dilson Rassier, Provost and Vice-President Academic, and Chair, SCUP **PAGES** 1/5
RE: Program Changes for the Graduate Certificate in Financial Analysis (SCUP 25-10)

At its meeting on January 8, 2025, SCUP reviewed the program changes for the Graduate Certificate in Financial Analysis.

Motion: That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the program changes for the Graduate Certificate in Financial Analysis within Beedie School of Business, effective Fall 2025.

C: Sudheer Gupta, Associate Dean, Graduate Programs, Beedie School of Business

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ATTENTION Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP) **DATE** December 12, 2024

FROM Mary O'Brien,
Chair of Senate Graduate Studies
Committee (SGSC)

RE: Program Changes



For Approval: At its meeting on December 10, 2024, the SGSC approved the following program changes and is recommending it to SCUP for approval, effective **Fall 2025**:

Motion:

That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the program changes for the Graduate Certificate in Financial Analysis within Beedie School of Business, effective Fall 2025.



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Memo to SGSC

To: Senate Graduate Studies Committee
From: Sudheer Gupta, Associate Dean, Graduate Programs
Re: Course Change forms for Beedie Grad
Date: November 28, 2024

The following curriculum revisions have been approved by the Beedie School of Business and are forwarded to the Senate Graduate Studies Committee for approval.

Please include them on the next SGSC agenda.

- **Financial Analysis Certificate**

Thank you for your attention herein. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sudheer Gupta
Associate Dean, Graduate Programs, Beedie School of Business

Calendar Entry Change for Financial Analysis Graduate Certificate

<p>Summary of change:</p> <p>Course offering list has been updated to include BUS 800 and to remove withdrawn course BUS 878. BUS 800 is the foundational finance course for students in the MSc Finance program and BUS 708 is the foundational finance course for students in the MBA program. BUS 806 has been identified as the core certificate course. The certificate is also being updated to be offered as an independent certificate rather than only an exit path for MSc Finance.</p>	<p>Rationale for change:</p> <p>BUS 878 is no longer offered in the MSc in Finance course offerings as it has been replaced with BUS 800, which covers a broader offering of Financial economic topics. Additional course options from the foundational courses in the MSc calendar and Beedie electives have been included to allow for greater flexibility. BUS 806 has been identified as the core foundational course for the certificate.</p> <p>Admission requirements are being changed to allow admission to students from outside of the MSc Finance program. This will provide students in our refreshed MBA program with the opportunity to select this additional certificate option. This allows our school to leverage resources across multiple programs which not only reduces expenses but provides students with more course options and further engagement across the SFU Beedie community.</p>
<p>Effective term and year:</p> <p>Fall 2025</p>	<p>Will this change impact current students? If yes, what is the plan for current students?</p> <p>Current students who may need to exit the MSc with this certificate will be able to do so without substituting course requirements</p>

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<p>GRADUATE CERTIFICATE</p> <p>The graduate certificate in financial analysis will feature courses that introduce students to financial valuation and decision-making and its applications in capital markets and corporate finance; discuss equities investments in the context of managing investment portfolios; and explain the pricing and hedging of derivative securities.</p>	<p>GRADUATE CERTIFICATE</p> <p>The graduate certificate in financial analysis will feature courses that introduce students to financial valuation and decision-making and its applications in capital markets and corporate finance; discuss equities investments in the context of managing investment portfolios; and explain the pricing and hedging of derivative securities.</p>

~~This program is affiliated with the master of science in finance.~~

Admission Requirements

~~The graduate certificate in financial analysis is only available to students in the master of science in finance program who will not be continuing within the master's program. Transfers into the program must be accompanied by a recommendation for award of certificate. No outside admissions will be considered.~~ Applicants must satisfy the University admission requirements as stated in [Graduate General Regulation 1.3](#) in the SFU Calendar. For more information, contact Beedie School of Business.

Program Requirements

This program consists of course work for a minimum of 12 units. Course work may be substituted at the discretion of the ~~academic director~~.

Students must complete

[BUS 802 - Corporate Finance \(3\)](#)
[BUS 814 - Derivative Securities I \(3\)](#)
[BUS 878 - Statistics for Financial Economics \(3\)](#)

Admission Requirements

Applicants must satisfy the University admission requirements as stated in [Graduate General Regulation 1.3](#) in the SFU Calendar. For more information, contact Beedie School of Business.

Program Requirements

This program consists of course work for a minimum of 12 units. Course work may be substituted at the discretion of the **Dean and Vice-Provost of Graduate Studies**.

Students must complete

BUS 806 – Principles of Finance (3)
and one of
BUS 800 – Finance Foundations (3)
BUS 708 - Financial Management (3)
and an additional 6 units from the following
BUS 802 - Corporate Finance (3)
BUS 814 - Derivative Securities I (3)
BUS 827 – Principles of Investments (3)
BUS 888 - Special Topics (3)