The Department has developed a multi-disciplinary curriculum in the area of private equity finance. This curriculum covers the broad spectrum of private equity investments, including early- and later stage venture investing, investing in established private firms, buyouts, financial restructuring of distressed firms, and mergers and acquisitions. This concentration prepares students for careers with investors in private equity funds, private equity fund managers, issuers of private equity securities, and other participants in the private equity market such as commercial banks, investment banks, and other investment advisors. The concentration is supported by the Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst Center for Private Equity Finance.

**Curriculum Requirements**

FIN 286 - Valuation (flex core)
ACC 287 - Performance Management and Control (flex core)
FIN 394.1 - Advanced Topics in Corporate Finance
FIN 397.1 - Investment Theory & Practice

*Notes: Students should complete FIN394.1 and FIN397.1 in the spring semester of the first year of the MBA program. Along with FIN 286, most remaining Finance electives have these courses as pre-requisites.*

**Finance - Take all of the following three (3) courses:**

FIN 394.11 - Financial Strategies (Private Equity)
FIN 394.7 - Financial Strategies (Raising Capital)
FIN 390.1 - Financial Markets and Institutions

**Additional recommended elective courses:**

ACC 380K.7 - Financial Statement Analysis
MAN 385 - Entrepreneurial Management
MAN 385 - Opportunity Identification and Analysis
MAN 283 - Leading People & Organizations
MAN 383 - Art & Science of Negotiation

**Total credit hours:** 19

**Career Opportunities**

- Equity Analyst Associate
- Investment Banking Associate
- Mergers and Acquisitions Associate
- Private Equity Associate
- Venture Capital Associate