

THE CHARTERED FINANCIAL ANALYST (CFA)

Background

The CFA Institute is best known for developing and administering The Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA)® curriculum and exams and issuing the CFA charter. Established in 1962, the program sets the global standard for investment knowledge, standards and ethics.

One is eligible to earn the credential after passing a series of three sequential, six hour exams over at least two years, working as an investment professional for a minimum of 3 - 4 years and committing to abide by the CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct.

The CFA Institute of USA., established in 1962 has an international reputation for setting the highest standards of ethics and professional excellence.

Entry Requirements

A student must have:

- A bachelor's degree or be in his or her final undergraduate year at the time of registration.
- At least 4 years of qualified professional work experience.

Course Structure

The CFA program's curriculum reflects a body of knowledge that is grounded in practice and maintains current relevance through a regular, extensive survey of practicing CFA charterholders.

This Candidate Body of Knowledge consists of 10 general topic areas that provide a framework for making investment decisions.

Guideline: Topic Area Weights for CFA Examinations (percent)

Topic Area	Level I	Level II	Level III
Ethical and Professional Standards (total)	10-20	5-15	5-15
Quantitative Methods	7-17	0-10	0-10
Economics	5-15	0-10	0-10
Financial Statement Analysis	15-25	15-25	0
Corporate Finance	3-13	5-15	0
Investment Tools (total)	45-55	35-45	0-10
Analysis of Equity Investments	5-15	20-30	5-15
Analysis of Fixed Income Investments	5-15	5-15	10-20
Analysis of Derivatives	0-10	0-10	5-15
Analysis of Alternative Investments	0-10	0	5-15
Asset Valuation (total)	25-35	35-45	40-50
Portfolio Management (total)	0-10	5-15	35-45
Total	100	100	100

Total of 10 topic areas are grouped into 4 functional areas:

- Ethical and Professional Standards,
- Investment Tools,
- Asset Valuation and
- Portfolio Management.

The CFA examinations have always focused on testing investment tools at Level 1, asset valuation (security analysis) at Level II, and portfolio management at Level III. This structure is the logical progression of the investment progress: A practitioner needs to master investment tools to apply those tools to security valuation, and securities need to be valued and then analyzed in a risk-return port-folio context. Because integrity must be exercised throughout the investment process, CFA Institute has emphasized ethical and professional standards at each level.



Examinations Registration Dates

June Exam 15th February of the same year.

Timing

The timings are designed for Part-time students only as follows:

5.45 pm – 7.45 pm (Monday to Friday)
8.30 am – 4.00 pm (Saturday)

Course Duration

The program runs for 10 months.

Registration Requirements

Fully completed admission form, two passport-size photographs for new students or one for continuing students and a photocopy of school certificate/ result slip.

Intakes

The College operates on the basis of two semesters commencing in the first week of January and September.

Professional Examinations

The Examination is held once in June.

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