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School of Business Administration

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FINANCE AS AN UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR

Finance is involved with the acquisition, investment and management of the cash resources of business entities, governmental agencies, and individuals. Its practitioners must have a thorough understanding of the financial markets where money is raised, know how to analyze investment opportunities, and because the objective of any financial decision is to maximize value, understand how investors determine value.

Skills and Abilities

Analytical (evaluate new and ambiguous situations)
Communication (explain your analysis to others, both orally and in writing)
Decision-Making (able to proceed from analysis to decisions)
Inquisitiveness (interested in determining why)
Interpersonal (able to work with other people)
Model Building (able to structure one's thought processes)
Quantitative (process numbers and other forms of data)

Finance Faculty

Edward J. Farragher	Real Estate Investment, Capital Budgeting
Austin Murphy	Investments, Portfolio Management, International Finance
Rajeev Singhal	Managerial Finance
Yun (Ellen) Zhu	Corporate Finance, International Financial Management

Major Requirements for the B.S. in Finance

In addition to university general education, ethnic diversity and composition, and the business precore and core program, the requirements for a finance major are:

FIN 322 (core)	Managerial Finance I
ACC 301	Financial Reporting & Analysis
FIN 416	Investment Analysis
FIN 418	Financial Institutions and Capital Markets
Three <i>finance electives</i> , (9 credits) chosen from:	
FIN 417	Investment Portfolio Management
FIN 419	International Finance
FIN 420	Real Estate Investment
FIN 422	Managerial Finance II
FIN 480	Special Topics Seminar
FIN 490	Independent Study in Finance

Career Possibilities

Corporate Finance
Cost Analyst
Cash Manager
Mergers & Acquisition Specialist

Banking
Credit Analyst
Loan Officer
Branch Manager
Trust Officer

Investments
Registered Representative
Security Analyst
Portfolio Manager
Personal Financial Planner
Pension Fund Manager

Real Estate
Mortgage Lender
Investment Analyst
Developer

For Further Information

Choosing areas of emphasis within your major and fitting your major into your life and career goals are issues you can discuss with faculty members in your major area. Planning your schedule and monitoring your progress in your business program are tasks with which academic advisers are prepared to assist you. Plan to consult with finance faculty members and your advisers regularly.

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