

FINANCE UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR (BA, BS, HBA, HBS)

This major offers the following option(s):

- Dean's Academy (<http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/business/finance-ba-bs-hba-hbs/deans-academy-option/>)
- International Business (<http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/business/finance-ba-bs-hba-hbs/international-business-option/>)

Also available via Ecampus.

The goal of the finance program at OSU is to prepare students for careers in institutional finance, which includes careers in banking, brokerage, insurance and other fields.

Individuals entering a career with a financial institution have many opportunities open to them. Many who go into banking select career paths in either operations or lending. Within the lending area, finance majors can specialize in installment credit lending to consumers of durable goods, mortgage lending to home builders and buyers, or commercial lending to help finance the growth of businesses.

People entering the securities industry find careers as stock and bond brokers, security analysts or portfolio managers. Individuals choosing the area of insurance typically enter company operations through either claims or underwriting positions. Those with sales positions can choose to work either with corporations or individuals as a client base. In addition, many decide to work for the government as finance personnel in charge of revenue and expenditure programs.

Financial managers engage in many activities designed to ensure the efficient use of an individual's or organization's capital resources. The finance field involves the management of funds in our economic system. Because financial managers deal with other people's money, finance is a career choice for individuals who enjoy working with people and who desire challenging assignments.

The BS/BA in finance has been accepted into the Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA) Institute University Recognition Program (http://www.cfainstitute.org/community/university/Pages/recognition_program_for_universities.aspx). This status is granted to institutions whose degree program or programs incorporate at least 70 percent of the CFA Program Candidate Body of Knowledge (CBOK), which provides students with a solid grounding in the CBOK and positions them well for the CFA exams.

Major Code: 182

- Recognize entrepreneurial opportunities for new business ventures and evaluate their potential for business success.
- Understand the implementation issues including financial, legal, operational and administrative procedures involved in starting new business ventures.
- Communicate effectively and professionally in business situations through physical or virtual presence, writing, speaking, listening, and electronic media.

- Demonstrate the ability to lead by using team building skills and facilitating collaborative behaviors in the accomplishment of group goals and objectives.
- Recognize basic concepts and theories related to business ethics and social responsibility.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the ethical behavior appropriate to specific business situations.
- Identify and analyze business problems and opportunities and formulate recommendations for courses of action.
- Use quantitative and qualitative tools and methodologies to support organizational decision making.
- Assess how organizations create value in their global supply chains through the integrated production and distribution of goods, services and information.
- Describe the concept of competitive advantage and how it may be achieved through strategic and tactical methods.
- Analyze the information content of organizational processes.
- Define markets and apply marketing concepts and principles using a customer focus to effectively sell products and services.
- Recognize and appropriately respond to ethical, legal and strategic concerns relating to human resource and organizational management.
- Make basic investment and financing decisions for a business using financial management concepts, and methods.

Finance major requirements are divided into two parts – lower-division and upper-division. The lower-division business core program involves completion of courses within the first and second year (see core curriculum below) that build a solid foundation for the upper-division finance and business curricula. The lower-division business core course work may be completed at OSU or any accredited college or university that offers equivalent courses transferable to OSU.

Code	Title	Credits
Summary of Requirements		
<i>Lower Division</i>		62
Business Classes (43)		
Finance Classes (4)		
Math, Economics, Writing and Communications (15) ¹		
<i>Upper Division</i>		65
Business Courses (26)		
Writing (3) ²		
Finance Classes (32)		
<i>University General Education Requirements</i>		40
<i>Unrestricted Electives</i>		13
Total credits required for graduation		180

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10 credits from lower-division course work satisfy University General Education Requirements

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3 credits for the upper-division business core satisfy General Education Requirements

Business Administration Core Curriculum (91) ¹

The business administration core curriculum provides students with a broad overview of business; basic skills in accounting and quantitative methods; an understanding of the legal and social environment of business; a background in management and organizational behavior, marketing, finance, and operations management; an understanding of the

entrepreneurial process; and the opportunity to integrate course work and further develop decision-making skills through the analysis of business cases.

Code	Title	Credits
First Year		
BA 160 or BA 163	B-ENGAGED	3
BA 161	INNOVATION NATION--AWARENESS TO ACTION	3
BA 162	INNOVATION NATION--IDEAS TO REALITY	3
COMM 111 or COMM 114 or COMM 218	*PUBLIC SPEAKING *ARGUMENT AND CRITICAL DISCOURSE *INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION	3
MTH 241	*CALCULUS FOR MANAGEMENT AND SOCIAL SCIENCE	4
Second Year ²		
BA 281	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	3
BA 282	DRAFTING YOUR CAREER BLUEPRINT	1
BA 283	CREATIVITY, CULTURE, AND THE WORKPLACE	1
BA 284	FOUNDATIONS OF PERSONAL FINANCE I	1
BA 211	FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING	4
BA 213	MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING	4
BA 223 or BA 390	PRINCIPLES OF MARKETING PRINCIPLES OF MARKETING	4
BA 230	BUSINESS LAW I	4
BA 260	INTRODUCTION TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP	4
BA 270	BUSINESS PROCESS MANAGEMENT	4
BA 275	FOUNDATIONS OF STATISTICAL INFERENCE	4
ECON 201	*INTRODUCTION TO MICROECONOMICS	4
ECON 202	*INTRODUCTION TO MACROECONOMICS	4
Third Year		
BA 311	FRAMING YOUR CAREER PLAN	1
BA 312	FOUNDATIONS OF PERSONAL FINANCE II	1
BA 313	THE ORANGE AND BLACK CASE COMPETITION	1
BA 347	INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS	4
BA 352	MANAGING INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM PERFORMANCE	4
BA 354	*MANAGING ETHICS AND CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY	4
BA 357	OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT	4
BA 375	APPLIED QUANTITATIVE METHODS	4
WR 222 or WR 323 or WR 327	*ENGLISH COMPOSITION *ENGLISH COMPOSITION *TECHNICAL WRITING	3
Fourth Year		
BA 411	NAVIGATING YOUR WORKPLACE	1
BA 412	FINANCIAL PLANNING I	1
BA 413	FINANCIAL PLANNING II	1
BA 466	INTEGRATIVE STRATEGIC EXPERIENCE	4
Total Credits		91

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Baccalaureate Core Course (BCC)

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Writing Intensive Course (WIC)

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MTH 241; ECON 201 and ECON 202; WR 222, WR 323 or WR 327, and COMM 111, COMM 114 or COMM 218 meet the university's Baccalaureate Core requirements for mathematics, social processes and institutions, writing II, and speech, respectively. All students must meet the other Baccalaureate Core requirements and the other requirements for baccalaureate degrees. (See Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees.)

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For students who transfer into College of Business business-related programs, the Blueprint transition courses meet the same outcomes as the professional development (Blueprint) course series accounting for the student's academic year when they transfer into the business program

Finance CURRICULUM (36)

Code	Title	Credits
BA 240 or BA 360	FINANCE ¹ INTRODUCTION TO FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	4
BA 370	BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS OVERVIEW ¹	4
FIN 341	INVESTMENTS	4
FIN 342	ADVANCED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	4
FIN 445	INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	4
Electives		
Select three courses from the following:		12
FIN 440	FIXED INCOME SECURITIES	
FIN 441	FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	
FIN 442	FINANCIAL STATEMENT ANALYSIS	
FIN 443	PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT	
FIN 444	FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT	
FIN 499	SELECTED TOPICS IN FINANCE	
Finance-Related Electives		
Select one course from the following:		4
ACTG 317	EXTERNAL REPORTING I	
ECON 330	MONEY AND BANKING	
ECON 340	INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS	
Total Credits		36

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Also part of the Business Core

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First Year		Credits
Fall		
BA 160	B-ENGAGED	3
BC Science		4
WR 121 or COMM 111 or COMM 114 or COMM 218	*ENGLISH COMPOSITION (Alpha coded) or *PUBLIC SPEAKING or *ARGUMENT AND CRITICAL DISCOURSE or *INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION	3
Math through MTH 241		4
		Credits
		14
Winter		
BA 161	INNOVATION NATION--AWARENESS TO ACTION	3
BC Science		4
WR 121 or COMM 111 or COMM 114 or COMM 218	*ENGLISH COMPOSITION (Alpha coded) or *PUBLIC SPEAKING or *ARGUMENT AND CRITICAL DISCOURSE or *INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION	3
Math through MTH 241		4
		Credits
		14
Spring		
BA 162	INNOVATION NATION--IDEAS TO REALITY	3
BC Science		4
WR 121	*ENGLISH COMPOSITION (Alpha coded. Or Bacc Core: Fitness, Speech, CD, DPD)	3
Bacc Core: Fitness, Speech, CD, DPD Electives		6
		Credits
		16
Second Year		
Fall		
BA 230	BUSINESS LAW I	4

BA 260	INTRODUCTION TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP	4
BA 282	DRAFTING YOUR CAREER BLUEPRINT	1
ECON 201	*INTRODUCTION TO MICROECONOMICS	4
Credits		13
Winter		
BA 211	FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING	4
BA 223	PRINCIPLES OF MARKETING	4
BA 275	FOUNDATIONS OF STATISTICAL INFERENCE	4
BA 281	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	3
BA 283	CREATIVITY, CULTURE, AND THE WORKPLACE	1
Credits		16
Spring		
BA 213	MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING	4
BA 240	FINANCE	4
BA 270	BUSINESS PROCESS MANAGEMENT	4
BA 284	FOUNDATIONS OF PERSONAL FINANCE I	1
ECON 202	*INTRODUCTION TO MACROECONOMICS	4
Credits		17
Third Year		
Fall		
ACTG 317 or ECON 330 or ECON 340	EXTERNAL REPORTING I or MONEY AND BANKING or INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS	4
BA 311	FRAMING YOUR CAREER PLAN	1
BA 375	APPLIED QUANTITATIVE METHODS	4
Bacc Core-CGI		3
WR 222 or WR 323 or WR 327	*ENGLISH COMPOSITION or *ENGLISH COMPOSITION or *TECHNICAL WRITING	3
Credits		15
Winter		
BA 312	FOUNDATIONS OF PERSONAL FINANCE II	1
BA 352	MANAGING INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM PERFORMANCE	4
BA 354	*MANAGING ETHICS AND CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY	4
BA 357	OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT	4
FIN 342	ADVANCED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	4
Credits		17
Spring		
BA 313	THE ORANGE AND BLACK CASE COMPETITION	1
BA 370	BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS OVERVIEW	4
BA 347	INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS	4
FIN 341	INVESTMENTS	4
Credits		13
Fourth Year		
Fall		
BA 411	NAVIGATING YOUR WORKPLACE	1
Finance Elective		4-8
Bacc Core-STC		3
Electives		4-8
Credits		16-20
Winter		
BA 412	FINANCIAL PLANNING I	1
Finance Elective		4-8
Electives		6-10
Credits		15-19
Spring		
BA 413	FINANCIAL PLANNING II	1
BA 466	INTEGRATIVE STRATEGIC EXPERIENCE	4
FIN 445	INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	4

Electives	5
Credits	14
Total Credits	180-188

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Baccalaureate Core Course (BCC)

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Writing Intensive Course (WIC)