

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

This program is available at the following locations:

- Corvallis
- Ecampus

Options available:

- Dean's Academy (<https://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/business/school-accounting-finance-information-systems/finance-ba-bs-hba-hbs/deans-academy-option/>)
- Financial Planning (<https://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/business/school-accounting-finance-information-systems/finance-ba-bs-hba-hbs/financial-planning-option/>)
- International Business (<https://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/business/school-accounting-finance-information-systems/finance-ba-bs-hba-hbs/international-business-option/>)

The undergraduate Finance major at Oregon State University prepares students to understand, analyze, and shape the financial decisions that drive businesses, markets, and economies.

Major coursework includes a common business core that provides a robust, multi-disciplinary foundation essential for any financial professional; and a flexible finance-specific curriculum that includes coursework in investments, risk management, portfolio management, fixed income, commercial banking and international finance. This curriculum equips students with a solid foundation in finance theory and the analytical skills necessary for effective decision-making in finance.

The coursework also provides a foundation for several professional certifications. Finance students can complete an option in Financial Planning, a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) Board registered program (<https://www.cfp.net/certification-process/education-requirement/certification-coursework-requirement/find-an-education-program>), which fulfills the educational requirements to sit for the CFP exam. Additionally, through its Finance degree program, OSU is a member of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute University Affiliation Program (<https://www.cfainstitute.org/universities/university-affiliation>) denoting that the Finance curriculum broadly aligns with that of the CFA Program.

Outside the classroom, the major further connects theory and practice. All students are required to complete an experiential learning requirement via an internship, thesis, project, practicum, or similar approved opportunities. Students may also be able to take advantage of three active student organizations, the Investment Group at Oregon State (OSIG) that manages a multi-million-dollar portfolio; the Finance Club that facilitates interactions with finance professionals; and the Financial Planning Club that provides guidance and experiences for those students with an interest in personal financial planning.

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Upon successful completion of the program, students will meet the following learning outcomes:

- Apply the fundamental concepts and tools of finance.
- Apply financial management concepts and tools to the decisions faced by a manager in investment decisions.

- Apply financial management concepts and tools to the financing decisions and dividend decisions faced by the firm.
- Evaluate the corporate governance structure of firms.
- Appraise the risk profile of firms by estimating the costs of capital, including debt and equity capital, using financial data.
- Compare the operations of three distinct capital markets: the equity market, the bond market and the derivatives market, and the financial assets traded in each of these markets.

Degree requirements include university core education, business and major curricula. The business 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 coursework and further develop decision-making skills through the analysis of business cases. The lower-division business curriculum involves completion of courses within the first and second year that build a solid foundation for the upper-division curricula.

Transitions to OSU and Introduction to Business coursework will depend on student type. At registration, an academic advisor will determine the most appropriate path.

1. Students entering OSU as their first college experience after high school will take a 100 Transitions course, BA 160, and a BA 16X series;
2. Students entering OSU COB as a second-year transfer student (approximately three years to graduation) will take a 300 Transitions course, BA 160, and BA 101Z; or
3. Students entering OSU COB as a third-year transfer student (approximately two years or less to graduation) will take a 300 Transitions course and BA 101Z.

Code	Title	Credits
Summary of Requirements		
Business Curriculum ¹		102-106
Finance Curriculum		30
Unspecified Core Education ¹		22-26
Unrestricted Electives ²		18-26
Total Credits		180

¹ Some courses in the Business Curriculum double-count with Core Education categories. Unspecified Core Education credits are not shared with the Business Curriculum

² Options and minors are available to provide specializations and fulfill unrestricted elective credits

Business Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
Foundations of Business		
<i>Introduction to Business</i>		
Third-year transfer students may be eligible to waive BA 160.		
BA 160	+COB CAREER AND MAJOR EXPLORATION	1
Dependent on entry level, students will take one of the following:		
BA 161 & BA 162	INNOVATION NATION—AWARENESS TO ACTION and INNOVATION NATION—IDEAS TO REALITY	4-6
BA 167 & BA 168	LAUNCH PAD I and LAUNCH PAD II	
BA 101Z	INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS	

Communications		
COMM 114	+*ARGUMENT AND CRITICAL DISCOURSE	3-4
or COMM 111Z	+*PUBLIC SPEAKING	
or COMM 218Z	+*INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION	
Economics		
ECON 201Z	+*PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS	4
ECON 202Z	+*PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS	4
Mathematics		
MTH 241	+*CALCULUS FOR MANAGEMENT AND SOCIAL SCIENCE	4
Writing		
WR 323	+*ADVANCED WRITING & ARGUMENTATION	3-4
or WR 227Z	+*TECHNICAL WRITING	
Business Core		
BA 169Z	DATA ANALYSIS USING MICROSOFT EXCEL	4
BA 211Z	PRINCIPLES OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING	4
BA 213Z	PRINCIPLES OF MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING	4
BA 223	PRINCIPLES OF MARKETING	4
or BA 390	PRINCIPLES OF MARKETING	
BA 226Z	INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS LAW	4
BA 240	FINANCE ¹	4
BA 252	INTRODUCTION TO ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOR	4
BA 260	FOUNDATIONS OF THE ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDSET	4
BA 275	FOUNDATIONS OF STATISTICAL INFERENCE	4
BA 270	BUSINESS PROCESS MANAGEMENT	4
BA 347	INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS	4
BA 354	*ETHICS IN ORGANIZATIONS	4
BA 357	OPERATIONS AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT	4
BA 370	BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS OVERVIEW	4
BA 375	APPLIED QUANTITATIVE METHODS	4
BA 396	+MARKETS AS SOCIAL STATUS SYSTEMS	3
or BA 398	+SUSTAINABLE CAPITALISM: EXPLORING POWER, PROSPERITY, AND JUSTICE	
BA 466	INTEGRATIVE STRATEGIC EXPERIENCE	4
Blueprint: Personal & Professional Development		
Second Year		
Third-year transfer students may be eligible to substitute BA 381 for second year Professional Development and Blueprint coursework.		
BA 281	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	3
BA 282	DRAFTING YOUR CAREER BLUEPRINT	1
BA 283	NAVIGATING CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS IN THE WORKPLACE	1
BA 284	FOUNDATIONS OF PERSONAL FINANCE I	1
Third Year		
BA 311	+FRAMING YOUR CAREER PLAN	1
BA 312	FOUNDATIONS OF PERSONAL FINANCE II	1
BA 313	A CASE FOR CIVIL DISCOURSE IN BUSINESS	1
Fourth Year		
BA 411	NAVIGATING CAREER TRANSITIONS	1
BA 412	FINANCIAL PLANNING I	1
BA 413	FINANCIAL PLANNING II	1
Total Credits		102-106

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+ Core Education course. Applies to general education requirements for undergraduate students in catalog year 2025-2026 and beyond

[^] Writing Intensive Curriculum (WIC) course

¹ Course requires a grade of C or higher

Finance Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
FIN 341	INVESTMENTS	4
FIN 342	ADVANCED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	4
Electives		
Select four courses from the following:		16
FIN 440	FIXED INCOME SECURITIES	
FIN 441	FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	
FIN 442	FINANCIAL STATEMENT ANALYSIS	
FIN 443	PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT	
FIN 444	FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT	
FIN 445	INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	
FIN 447	COMMERCIAL BANKING	
FIN 448	INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL MARKETS	
FIN 455	FINTECH AND APPLIED AI IN FINANCE	
FIN 460	PRINCIPLES OF FINANCIAL PLANNING	
FIN 469	VENTURE FINANCE	
FIN 499	SELECTED TOPICS IN FINANCE	
Finance-Related Electives		
ACTG 317	EXTERNAL REPORTING I	4
or ECON 330	MONEY AND BANKING	
or ECON 340	INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS	
Experiential Learning		
Select 2 credits from the following courses:		2
Any COB 004 Internship (e.g. FIN 004) ¹		
Any COB 403 Thesis (eg. FIN 403)		
Any COB 405 Reading & Conference (eg. FIN 405)		
Any COB 406 Projects (eg. FIN 406)		
Any COB 409 Practicum (eg. FIN 409)		
Any COB 410 Internship (eg. FIN 410)		
BA 348	INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE ORIENTATION	
& BA 349	and IMPACT OF CULTURE ON BUSINESS	
Department Approved Certification		
Total Credits		30

¹ Students may substitute a COB 004 Internship (e.g. FIN 004) course for the experiential learning requirement if they do not need an additional 2 credits to meet their 180 credit degree total

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Degree plans are subject to change and the following is only an example of how students may complete their degree in four years. Students should consult their advisor to determine the best degree plan for them. Contact details for advisors can be found on the Academic Advising (<https://catalog.oregonstate.edu/advising/>) page.

First Year		
Fall		
		Credits
BA 160	+COB CAREER AND MAJOR EXPLORATION	1
COMM 111Z	+*PUBLIC SPEAKING	3-4
or COMM 114	or +*ARGUMENT AND CRITICAL DISCOURSE	
or COMM 218Z	or +*INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION	
MTH 111Z	+*PRECALCULUS I: FUNCTIONS	4
Core Ed: Transitions		2
Core Ed: Arts & Humanities General		3-4
Credits		14
Winter		
BA 161	INNOVATION NATION--AWARENESS TO ACTION	3
BA 169Z	DATA ANALYSIS USING MICROSOFT EXCEL	4
ECON 201Z	+*PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS	4

MTH 241	+*CALCULUS FOR MANAGEMENT AND SOCIAL SCIENCE	4
Credits		15
Spring		
BA 162	INNOVATION NATION—IDEAS TO REALITY	3
ECON 202Z	+*PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS	4
WR 121Z	+*COMPOSITION I	4
Core Ed: Scientific Inquiry & Analysis		4
Credits		15
Second Year		
Fall		
BA 211Z	PRINCIPLES OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING	4
BA 226Z	INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS LAW	4
BA 275	FOUNDATIONS OF STATISTICAL INFERENCE	4
BA 282	DRAFTING YOUR CAREER BLUEPRINT	1
Core Ed: Difference, Power & Oppression Foundations		3-4
Credits		16
Winter		
BA 240	FINANCE	4
BA 252	INTRODUCTION TO ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOR	4
BA 270	BUSINESS PROCESS MANAGEMENT	4
BA 284	FOUNDATIONS OF PERSONAL FINANCE I	1
Electives		2
Credits		15
Spring		
BA 213Z	PRINCIPLES OF MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING	4
BA 223 or BA 390	PRINCIPLES OF MARKETING or PRINCIPLES OF MARKETING	4
BA 260	FOUNDATIONS OF THE ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDSET	4
BA 281	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	3
BA 283	NAVIGATING CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS IN THE WORKPLACE	1
Credits		16
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 347	INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS	4
BA 357	OPERATIONS AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT	4
FIN 342	ADVANCED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	4
Credits		17
Winter		
BA 312	FOUNDATIONS OF PERSONAL FINANCE II	1
BA 354	*ETHICS IN ORGANIZATIONS	4
BA 375	APPLIED QUANTITATIVE METHODS	4
FIN 341	INVESTMENTS	4
Core Ed: Arts & Humanities Global		3-4
Credits		16
Spring		
BA 313	A CASE FOR CIVIL DISCOURSE IN BUSINESS	1
BA 370	BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS OVERVIEW	4
WR 323 or WR 227Z	+*ADVANCED WRITING & ARGUMENTATION or +*TECHNICAL WRITING	3-4
Core Ed: Scientific Inquiry & Analysis		4
Elective		2
Credits		14
Fourth Year		
Fall		
BA 411	NAVIGATING CAREER TRANSITIONS	1
Finance Elective		4
Core Ed: Seeking Solutions		3-4

Electives		5
Credits		14
Winter		
BA 412	FINANCIAL PLANNING I	1
BA 466	INTEGRATIVE STRATEGIC EXPERIENCE	4
Finance Elective		4
Finance Elective		4
Elective		1
Credits		14
Spring		
BA 396 or BA 398	+MARKETS AS SOCIAL STATUS SYSTEMS or +SUSTAINABLE CAPITALISM: EXPLORING POWER, PROSPERITY, AND JUSTICE	3
BA 413	FINANCIAL PLANNING II	1
Finance Elective		4
Experiential Learning		2
Elective		4
Credits		14
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