

Finance (BS)

This program is offered by the George Herbert Walker School of Business & Technology/Business Department. It is available at the St. Louis home campus and at select international campuses. Please see the Locations Offering Undergraduate Programs section of this catalog for a list of campuses where this program is offered.

Program Description

The field of finance blends economics, accounting and other business disciplines with the goal of making financially sound business decisions. Financial tools and methodologies are of crucial importance for both small and large businesses. Important areas of finance include raising capital, making investments and understanding financial markets.

In addition to completing the core business curriculum requirements, students taking a major in finance will study the three general areas of finance: corporate finance, investments and financial markets and institutions. Students will complete at least one advanced course in each area after completion of the principles-level course. After completion of the finance core, students have choices to tailor their program according to their interests and career outlook. Students desiring to take advanced certification, such as the CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) or CFP (Certified Financial Planner), are encouraged to take Financial Statement Analysis, International Finance and Advanced Investments. All finance majors will complete the business school's common core capstone course.

The BS in finance is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).

Learning Outcomes

- Students can apply time value of money techniques to security valuation.
- Students can evaluate the financial strength of a corporation and analyze capital budgeting decisions.
- Students can understand the risk-return relationship and can estimate appropriate rates of return.
- Students can describe the intermediation services provided by financial institutions.

Degree Requirements

For information on the general requirements for a degree, see Baccalaureate Degree Requirements under the Academic Policies and Information section of this catalog.

- 45 hours BS in business administration core curriculum
- 21 finance major required credit hours
- Applicable University Global Citizenship Program hours, with accommodations for the finance BS
- Electives

Global Citizenship Program for Finance BS

Requirements are modified to allow MATH 1430 to satisfy both a requirement of the major and also the GCP 'Quantitative Literacy' requirement.

Required Finance Courses

- FINC 3600 Financial Management (3 hours)
- FINC 3800 Financial Markets and Institutions (3 hours)
- FINC 4210 Investments (3 hours)
- Elective Options (12 hours)

Four courses must be selected from the following list. Two of the four courses (6 credit hours) must be FINC prefix courses. No more than 3 hours of internship credit (BUSN 4950) may be used to satisfy degree requirements. Internship credit must be in the area of finance.

- FINC 4220 Financial Statement Analysis (3 hours)
- FINC 4300 International Finance (3 hours)
- FINC 4610 Advanced Investments (3 hours)
- ECON 3030 Intermediate Macroeconomics (3 hours)
- ECON 3020 Intermediate Microeconomics (3 hours)
- ECON 3200 Money and Banking (3 hours)
- ACCT 3030 Intermediate Accounting I (3 hours)
- ACCT 3040 Intermediate Accounting II (3 hours)
- ACCT 3085 Federal Tax Accounting (3 hours)
- ACCT 4600 Business Valuation (3 hours)
- BUSN 4950 Internship (3 hours)