

# BS in Finance

## Program Codes:

20FL0075BS

## Degree Requirements

To earn a Bachelor of Science in Finance degree from UIC, students need to complete university, college, and department degree requirements. The Department of Finance degree requirements are outlined below. Students should consult the [College of Business Administration](#) section for additional degree requirements and college academic policies.

In order to complete the department courses required for the major and to take advantage of the available career path groups listed below, the following requirements must be met by the second semester of the sophomore year: average grade B or better in FIN 300 taken at UIC; or a grade of C or better in FIN 300 taken at UIC and a passing grade in the Finance Placement Exam (FPE). Information on FPE is available on the Department of Finance website.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Summary of Requirements</b>		
	General and Basic Course Requirements	48
	Business Core	42
	Major Requirements	21
	Business Electives	9
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

## General and Basic Course Requirements

See [General and Basic Course Requirements](#) in the College of Business Administration section for the list of courses needed to meet this requirement.

## Business Core

See [Business Course Requirements](#) in the College of Business Administration section for the list of courses needed to meet this requirement.

## Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
FIN 310	Investments	3
FIN 320	Managerial Finance	3
<b>Major Electives</b>		
	15 additional hours at the 300 or 400 level in the Department of Finance. FIN 250 may also be applied toward the degree's major electives. Students may choose to focus their 15 elective hours within a concentration. Students may also choose to complete the degree without a concentration. In this case, students may fulfill their 15-hour elective requirement by choosing any combination of finance electives from within the Department of Finance. See lists below for career path suggestions.	15
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

## Business Electives

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Courses</b>		
	9 hours at the 200, 300, or 400 level chosen from courses in the College of Business Administration (excluding BA 220 and BA 320) or courses offered in the Economics department with a maximum of 6 hours at the 200 level. Students may use their business electives to complete a second concentration within their major, if applicable, or a minor with the college. Students should work with their advisor in choosing appropriate business electives. Students pursuing the concentration in Financial Planning must take ACTG 444 or ACTG 445 as one of their Business Electives.	9
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

## Concentrations

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Finance may choose to specialize in one (or more) of the following concentrations:

### Corporate Finance

This concentration prepares students to work as financial officers of a company or financial institution. The concentration allows students to understand and analyze the financial statements, financial characteristics, and financial strategies of different types of firms.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
	Students completing the Concentration in Corporate Finance must include five of the courses listed below as their Major Electives. At least three of the five courses must be in Tier A.	15
Tier A Courses:		
FIN 421	Advanced Corporate Finance	
FIN 422	Alternative Investments: Venture Capital, Private Equity, and Hedge Funds	
or FIN 445	Financing Entrepreneurship	
FIN 423	Financial Modeling, Analysis, and Decision Making	
FIN 442	International Corporate Financial Management	
Tier B Courses:		
FIN 415	Fixed Income Securities	
FIN 416	Options and Futures Markets	
FIN 424	Financial Communication	
FIN 425	Energy Finance	
FIN 430	Introduction to Money and Banking	
	Any related courses offered by the Department of Finance with the approval of the department head, in consultation with the department's Advisory Committee	
	Students need a grade of B or higher in FIN 320 as a condition of completing the concentration in Corporate Finance.	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

## Concentration in Financial Planning

Students completing the Concentration in Financial Planning must include the following courses as their Major Electives.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
FIN 250	Personal Finance	3
FIN 411	Retirement and Estate Planning	3
FIN 414	Financial Plan Development	3
FIN 473	Risk Management and Insurance	3
ACTG 444	Federal Income Tax for Financial Planning <sup>a</sup>	3
or ACTG 445	Federal Income Tax I	
Select 3 hours from:		3
FIN 412	Portfolio Management	
FIN 415	Fixed Income Securities	
FIN 419	Behavioral Finance	
FIN 422	Alternative Investments: Venture Capital, Private Equity, and Hedge Funds	
FIN 423	Financial Modeling, Analysis, and Decision Making	
FIN 424	Financial Communication	
FIN 430	Introduction to Money and Banking	
FIN 449	Applied Equity Investment Management	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

<sup>a</sup> ACTG 444 or ACTG 445 will count toward the Business Elective Requirement.

## Concentration in Investments and Capital Markets

This concentration introduces students to the theory and practice of managing investments. The professional investment manager must be aware of the vast range of investments available in the modern economy, the factors that determine returns and risks, and methods used to hedge risks.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
Students completing the Concentration in Investments and Capital Markets must include five of the courses listed below as their Major Electives. At least two of the five courses must be in Tier A.		15
Tier A Courses:		
FIN 412	Portfolio Management	
FIN 415	Fixed Income Securities	
FIN 416	Options and Futures Markets	
Tier B Courses:		
FIN 340	International Financial Markets	
FIN 419	Behavioral Finance	
FIN 422	Alternative Investments: Venture Capital, Private Equity, and Hedge Funds	

FIN 431	Management in the Financial Services Industry
FIN 449	Applied Equity Investment Management
FIN 456	Advanced Investment Management
FIN 472	Real Estate Finance
FIN 480	Securities Markets and High-Frequency Trading

Any related courses offered by the Department of Finance with the approval of the department head, in consultation with the department's Advisory Committee

Students need a grade of B or higher in FIN 310 as a condition of completing the concentration in Investments and Capital Markets.

**Total Hours** **15**

## Sample Business Major Curriculum

See [Sample Business Major Curriculum](#) in the College of Business Administration section. Students should see their academic advisor for an individualized major map in their field of study.