

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
Summary of Requirements		
General and Basic Course Requirements		48
Business Core		42
Major Requirements		21
Business Electives		9
Total Hours		120

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
Required Courses		
FIN 310	Investments	3
FIN 320	Managerial Finance	3
Major Electives		
15 additional hours at the 300- or 400-level in the Department of Finance. 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
Total Hours		21

Business Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Courses		
Nine hours at the 200-, 300-, or 400-level chosen from courses in the College of Business Administration with a maximum of three hours at the 200-level. See lists below for career path suggestions. Students may elect any combination of business courses to fulfill the elective requirement.		9
Total Hours		9

Concentrations

Concentration in Financial Planning

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

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
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
Select 3 hours from:		3
FIN 412	Portfolio Management	
FIN 419	Behavioral Finance	
FIN 422	Alternative Investments: Venture Capital, Private Equity, and Hedge Funds	
FIN 424	Financial Communication	
FIN 430	Introduction to Money and Banking	
Total Hours		15

Course Suggestions for Finance Careers

Students should select courses based upon their interests and career goals. The finance courses listed below suggest which courses are most appropriate for alternative career paths.

Corporate Finance and Risk Management

This area provides an introduction to the work of the financial officer of a company focusing on financial statements, financial characteristics, and financial strategies of different types of firms.

Code	Title	Hours
Courses		
12 hours from the following:		
FIN 340	International Financial Markets	3
FIN 416	Options and Futures Markets	3
FIN 421	Advanced Corporate Finance	3
FIN 422	Alternative Investments: Venture Capital, Private Equity, and Hedge Funds	3
FIN 423	Financial Modeling, Analysis, and Decision Making	3
FIN 430	Introduction to Money and Banking	3
FIN 442	International Corporate Financial Management	3
3 hours from the following:		
FIN 419	Behavioral Finance	3

FIN 424	Financial Communication	3
FIN 425	Energy Finance	3

Investment Management

This area provides an introduction 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
Courses		
12 hours from the following:		
FIN 412	Portfolio Management	3
FIN 415	Fixed Income Securities	3
FIN 416	Options and Futures Markets	3
FIN 422	Alternative Investments: Venture Capital, Private Equity, and Hedge Funds	3
FIN 449	Applied Equity Investment Management	3
FIN 480	Securities Markets and High-Frequency Trading	3
3 hours from the following:		
FIN 250	Personal Finance	3
FIN 419	Behavioral Finance	3
FIN 423	Financial Modeling, Analysis, and Decision Making	3
FIN 424	Financial Communication	3
FIN 425	Energy Finance	3
FIN 494	Special Topics in Finance (when the topic is Cryptocurrencies, Blockchains)	3

Financial Advising

Professionals in this field are responsible for managing the financial assets of their clients.

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Courses		
12 hours from the following:		
FIN 250	Personal Finance	3
FIN 412	Portfolio Management	3
FIN 419	Behavioral Finance	3
FIN 422	Alternative Investments: Venture Capital, Private Equity, and Hedge Funds	3
FIN 424	Financial Communication	3
FIN 449	Applied Equity Investment Management	3
FIN 494	Special Topics in Finance (when the topic is Advanced Financial Planning)	3
3 hours from the following:		
FIN 416	Options and Futures Markets	3
FIN 430	Introduction to Money and Banking	3

^a [FIN 494 topics available](#) can be found on the department website.

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.