

# Finance



## MAJOR AREAS OF EMPHASIS AT DELAWARE

The Department of Finance offers a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Finance. The Finance major focuses on learning how to make the best monetary decisions for a firm or an individual. Finance addresses many questions regarding value: How much is a product worth? Is a stock worth investing in? Will expanding a business produce a sufficient return on investment? Deciding what to do with the money you have today, balanced with your business needs for tomorrow. These are questions which Finance helps to answer.

Like all programs in the Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics, a broad liberal arts education is provided in the first half of the program through a variety of courses in the traditional liberal arts and sciences. The program design provides flexibility in the selection of humanities, social, and natural science courses.

The second half of the program is concentrated in the business core and Finance major courses. These include courses such as Principles of Finance, Investments, and Financial Markets. One or more specialized seminar courses are taken during senior year in areas such as Advanced Corporate Finance, International Finance, Advanced Investments, and Corporate Governance.

### WHAT IS FINANCE?

*The Finance program is designed to give UD students a strong training in modern financial application and theory while maintaining a well-rounded, liberal arts background needed in today's workplace. A major in Finance prepares UD students for careers in business, industry, government, and public or private corporations. Finance faculty teach theory and the application of financial concepts, designed to challenge students to think analytically and to translate abstract knowledge into sound business practices.*

### WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THE PROGRAM?

Both the graduate and undergraduate Finance programs are accredited by The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the sole agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the accrediting body for business schools. The undergraduate finance program prepares students for further education, certification, e.g., CFA, and careers in finance, accounting, and business. Finance faculty challenge students to think analytically and to translate theoretical knowledge into sound business practices. Many students also select minors in Economics, International Business, Management Information Systems, and/or choose to double major in related business areas such as Accounting, Marketing, Management, or Operations Management. Because of the program's excellent reputation, many recruiters seek finance majors at Delaware for both public/private industry and public accounting firms. Top companies from New York City to Washington D.C. hire our

graduates each year.

### FACILITIES, RESOURCES, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPERIENCE

The Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics provides an extensive computer facility that features numerous software packages used for class assignments. The College's Office of Undergraduate Advising and Academic Services serves the business and economics undergraduate student body by providing information and support for the students' academic development to foster their successful matriculation and graduation. A dedicated Finance Advisor is assigned once a student begins his/her junior year.

Finance students may use both internships and externships as an opportunity to gain significant work experience with firms and corporations. Many students find internships during the summer between their junior and senior years. Finance students also benefit from participation in the Blue Hen Investment club (BHIC), and the Financial Management Association (FMA). These organizations allow Finance students to apply coursework knowledge by making real investment decisions for the University Endowment Fund (BHIC). FMA members participate in faculty-sponsored trips to the New York Stock Exchange & Wall Street. These excursions are enhanced by presentations from University of Delaware Finance alumni.

### CAREER PATHS:

Finance majors typically embark on careers in corporate finance, risk management, investments, insurance, real estate, banking, cash management, and financial planning. Alfred Lerner Finance graduates currently hold positions with firms such as J.P. MorganChase, Campbell Soup, Bank of America, Johnson & Johnson/McNeil, and DuPont.

## THE UNDERGRADUATE FINANCE CURRICULUM

During the first and second years, Finance majors take a variety of liberal arts courses and core business courses. During the third and fourth years, students take advanced core and specific Finance major courses.

### EXAMPLE OF A TYPICAL FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE YEAR

#### FRESHMAN YEAR

<b>Fall</b>	
Microeconomics (ECON 151)	3
Freshmen Experience (UNIV 101)	1
Calculus I (MATH 221)	3
Humanities Elective	3
Social/Behavior Science (eg. ECON, PSYC , SOCI, etc.)	3
Natural Science	3
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>16</b>

#### Spring

Critical Read/Writing (ENGL 110)	3
Macroeconomics (ECON 152)	3
Social/Behavior Science Elective	3
Humanities Elective	3
Natural Science with Lab	4
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>16</b>

#### SOPHOMORE YEAR

<b>Fall</b>	
Accounting I (Financial) (ACCT 207)	3
Statistics I (MATH 201)	3
Business Information Systems I (MISY 160)	3
Humanities Elective	3
Social/Behavior Science (eg. ECON, PSYC , SOCI, etc.)	3
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>15</b>

#### Spring

Accounting II (Managerial) (ACCT 208)	3
Statistics II (MATH 202)	3
Business Information Systems II (MISY 261)	3
Principles of Finance (FINC 311)	3
Oral Communications (COMM 212)	3
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>15</b>

#### UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

Critical Reading and Writing (ENGL 110 - Skills)  
Multicultural Requirement (in Free Electives or Breadth requirements)\*

Freshmen Experience (UNIV 101- Free Elective)\*

\*Count as free electives under Breadth Requirements

#### BREADTH REQUIREMENTS

**Humanities** 12

No more than nine credits from any one Department and no more than six credits of Foreign language instruction may apply.

**Social and Behavioral Sciences** 9

At least one course in Economics (300-level or higher excluding Econ 302)  
No more than six credits in any one department.

#### Skills Courses

Critical Reading & Writing ( ENGL110--Univ. Req.) 3

Mathematics (MATH 221 or 241 and also MATH 230 or 210) 6

Statistics (MATH 201 and 202) 6

Communications (COMM 212 and one of ENGL 301, 312, 410, or 415) 6

#### Natural Sciences

Must include one associated Laboratory credit. 7

#### Free Electives

Includes any courses outside the College of Business and Economics (with some exceptions and exclusions; see Department for specifics). 15

#### CORE BUSINESS CURRICULUM

Micro and Macro Economics (ECON 151 & 152) 6

Business Information Systems I (MISY 160) 3

Accounting (ACCT 207 & 208) 6

Business Information Systems II (MISY 261) 3

Introduction to Marketing (BUAD 301) 3

Operations Management (BUAD 306) 3

Management and Organizational

Behavior (BUAD 309) 3

Principles of Finance (FINC 311) 3

Law and Social Issues in Business (ACCT 352) 3

Strategic Management (BUAD 441) 3

#### FINANCE CURRICULUM

Banking & Monetary Policy (ECON 302) 3

Intermediate Financial Management (FINC 312) 3

Investments (FINC 314) 3

Three (3) additional courses from below : 9

Financial Markets (FINC 313)

Financial Institutions (FINC 412)

Advanced Corporate Finance (FINC 413)

Bank Management (FINC 414)

International Finance (FINC 415)

Advanced Investments (FINC 416)

Real Estate Finance (FINC 417)

Corporate Governance (FINC 418)

Professional elective course within College of B&E 3

**TOTAL CREDITS TO GRADUATE** 121

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

You are welcome to talk with us about the University of Delaware and the ways in which we can help you reach your goals. Please feel free to contact us at:

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