

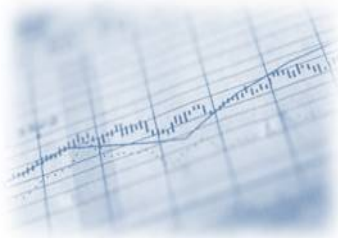


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Resources:

Finance Website

www.jmu.edu/cob/finance

What are JMU Finance Graduates doing?

www.oirsacs.jmu.edu/alumni/alumempl.asp

Careers in Finance

www.jmu.edu/cob/finance/career.shtml

Federal Jobs

www.usajobs.gov

Financial Management Association

<http://cob.jmu.edu/fma/>

Madison Investment Fund

<http://cob2.jmu.edu/mif/>

WHAT IS A FINANCE MAJOR?

The B.B.A in Finance equips students with the tools to pursue an array of possible career paths. Historically, students have been placed in fields such as investment banking, financial analysis, finance management, consulting, and banking. Finance is a field that is highly quantitative, yet also requires a solid foundation in economics and accounting.

Students may choose a concentration in either Financial Analysis or Financial Risk Management. These concentrations require specific electives, and represent the more challenging paths for a student in majoring in finance .

Internships play an important role in introducing students to the work environment in the field. Internships are generally available in consulting, financial analysis, financial regulation, and banking.

The Financial Management Association (FMA), the Madison Investment Fund (MIF), and the Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP) work closely with the faculty to bring guest speakers to campus and develop a network of JMU alumni in the Finance field. Active participation in these groups has opened many doors. Students are encouraged to start their career planning early, participate in career-oriented events in the Department, and take full advantage of the facilities at the Office of Career Services.

Some of our graduates pursue a graduate education in law or finance following graduation and, most often, after gaining several years of valuable work experience. In addition, many of our graduates earn professional designations, including the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charter, the Financial Risk Manager (FRM) designation, the Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certification, and the Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) certification.

The faculty realizes the importance of working with students to explore potential career choices and in job placement, and the Department sponsors numerous career-oriented events each semester. The success students realize in job placement and after graduation depends heavily on academic performance, whether the student has had an internship in the field, and active participation in student organizations.

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

- Consultant
- Financial Analyst
- Investment Banker
- Pension Fund Manager
- Portfolio Analyst
- Portfolio Manager
- Pricing and Cost Analyst
- Internal Auditor
- Bank Examiner
- Financial Manager
- Bank Manager
- Financial Product Designer
- Rate Analyst
- Financial Risk Manager
- Real Estate Analyst
- Budget Analyst
- Real Estate Consultant
- Real Estate Developer
- Commodities Trader
- Underwriter
- Research Analyst
- Consultant
- Risk Consultant
- Controller
- Investment Analyst
- Loan Officer
- Securities Trader
- Credit Analyst
- Credit Manager

B.B.A. CORE COURSE CURRICULUM

B.B.A. Lower-Level Core

COB 191. Business and Economics Statistics
 COB 202. Interpersonal Skills
 COB 204. Computer Information Systems
 COB 218. Legal Environment of Business
 COB 241. Financial Accounting
 COB 242. Managerial Accounting
 COB 291. Introduction to Management Science
 ECON 201. Principles of Economics
 GECON 200. Macroeconomics
 MATH 205 or MATH 235. Calculus

B.B.A. Upper-Level Core

COB 300A. Integrated Functional Systems: Management
 COB 300B. Integrated Functional Systems: Finance
 COB 300C. Integrated Functional Systems: Operations
 COB 300D. Integrated Functional Systems: Marketing
 COB 487. Strategic Management

Notes:

COB 191 and MATH 205 are prerequisites for COB 291.
 COB 241 is a prerequisite for COB 242.
 MATH 220 may be substituted for COB 191.
 COB 300 A-D must be taken in the same semester.
 COB 487 is taken in the senior year.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS for FINANCE

General Education	39-41 hours
Non-Business Electives	7-11 hours
Free Elective	3 hours
BBA Core Curriculum	45-46 hours
Finance Core Courses	25 hours

FIN 302. Spreadsheet Skills in Finance
 FIN 360. Analytical Methods
 FIN 365. Intermediate Finance Mgt
 FIN 371. Principles of Investment
 FIN 488. Advanced Financial Policy
 FIN Elective₁
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¹ Finance Electives include any 300 or 400 level finance course except FIN 345 and the finance major core courses. Students may select one of the following courses to satisfy a finance elective: ACTG 313, ACTG 343, ACTG 344, ACTG 377, BLAW 470, BLAW 496, BLAW 497, ECON 331 or ECON 385.

The department of Finance and Business Law may have more stringent acceptance requirements for enrollment in upper-level FIN courses. Please consult the department or the COB ASC for current requirements.

Students are not permitted to enroll in more than 10 credit hours of FIN-prefix courses in any one semester.

All business majors must complete 60 non-business credit hours which include general education courses.

A minimum of 120 hours is required for graduation as well as an overall grade point average of 2.00 and a 2.00 within the major.

Minors that work well with the finance curriculum include:

Computer Information Systems (CIS)
 Management Science
 Economics



College of Business Acceptance Requirements

The College of Business has acceptance requirements for all three degrees (B.A., B.B.A., and B.S.). All students planning to take upper-level business courses must first be accepted. For more information on current requirements, contact the College of Business Academic Services Center in Suite 205 of Zane Showker Hall or call 540-568-2785.