

Finance

Department Information

- **Department Location:**
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- **Department Phone:**
701-231-8651
- **Department Web Site:**
www.ndsu.edu/business/departments/afis/
- **Degrees Offered:**
B.S.
- **Official Program Curriculum:**
bulletin.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/finance/

Finance Major

Finance is a discipline that studies the optimal ways of using monetary resources for individuals, businesses and all other organizations. The integration of global financial markets and institutions presents opportunities not seen in generations for Finance students and graduates. By providing a four-year, 123-credit-hour program that leads to a Bachelor of Science degree, we aim to prepare future leaders in corporate financial management, investment banking, business consulting, commercial lending, portfolio analysis and risk management.

The Finance program at NDSU currently offers students a broad base of knowledge centered on Finance, including Principles of Finance (FIN320), Investments (FIN410), Financial Derivatives (FIN420), Financial Institutions (FIN430), International Finance (FIN440), Corporate Finance (FIN460), Fixed-Income Securities (FIN470), and Applied Portfolio Management (FIN 480). The coursework also benefits students interested in pursuing Finance-related professional certifications such as the Certified Financial Planner (CFP) and Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA).

Based on the projection of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment among Finance professionals is expected to grow by 9 percent from 2010 to 2020. Among NDSU graduates, the average entry-level salary of a Finance major was \$41,000 and the highest reported salary of a Finance major was \$80,000 in 2015, according to NDSU Career Center (<https://career.ndsu.edu/annual-employment-report>).

Plan of Study

Please note this is a sample plan of study and not an official curriculum. Actual student schedules for each semester will vary depending on start year, education goals, applicable transfer credit, and course availability. Students are encouraged to work with their academic advisor on a regular basis to review degree progress and customize an individual plan of study.

Freshman			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ENGL 110	4	COMM 110	3
MIS 116	3	ENGL 120	3
Gen Ed Humanities/Fine Arts	3	MATH 144	4
Gen Ed Wellness	2	PSYC 111 or SOC 110	3
Non-major Elective	3	Gen Ed Cultural Diversity	3
	15		16
Sophomore			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ACCT 200	3	ACCT 201	3
ECON 201	3	ECON 202	3
PHIL 216	3	STAT 331	2
STAT 330	3	Non-major Elective	3
Gen Ed Science & Technology	3	Gen Ed Science & Tech (w/lab)	4
	15		15

Junior			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ENGL 320	3	BUSN 430	3
FIN 320	3	FIN 410	3
MGMT 320	3	FIN 430	3
MIS 320	3	300-400 Level CoB Elective	6
MRKT 320	3		
	15		15
Senior			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
FIN 460	3	BUSN 489	3
300-400 Level Finance Elective	3	300-400 Level Finance Electives	6
300-400 Level CoB Elective	3	300-400 Level Approved Electives ¹	6
300-400 Level Approved Elective ¹	3		
Non-major Elective	2		
	14		15

Total Credits: 120

¹ Approved electives include College of Business courses or those with the following prefixes: AGECE, CSCI, ECON MATH, and STAT. Must earn a letter grade.