

# Finance

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## Department Information

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- **Credential Offered:**  
B.S.
- **Sample Program Guide:**  
[catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/finance/#planofstudytext](http://catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/finance/#planofstudytext) (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/finance/#planofstudytext>)

## Major Requirements

### Major: Finance

**Degree Type:** B.S.

**Minimum Credits Required for Degree:** 120

### University Degree Requirements

1. Satisfactory completion of all requirements of the curriculum in which one is enrolled.
2. Earn a minimum total of 120 credits in approved coursework. Some academic programs exceed this minimum.
3. Satisfactory completion of the general education requirements as specified by the university.
4. A minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
5. At least 36 credits presented for graduation must be in courses numbered 300 or higher.
6. Transfer Students: Must earn a minimum of 60 credits from a baccalaureate-degree granting or professional institution.
  - a. Of these 60, at least 36 must be NDSU resident credits as defined in #7.
  - b. Within the 36 resident credits, a minimum of 15 must be in courses numbered 300 or higher and 15 credits in the major field of study.
7. At least 36 credits must be NDSU resident credits. Resident credits include credits registered and paid for at NDSU.

For complete information, please refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2022-23/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/>) section of this Bulletin.

### University General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Communication (C)</b>		<b>12</b>
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Upper Division Writing <sup>†</sup>		
<b>Quantitative Reasoning (R) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Science and Technology (S) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts (A) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Wellness (W) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Cultural Diversity (D) <sup>**†</sup></b>		
<b>Global Perspectives (G) <sup>**†</sup></b>		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>39</b>

- \* May be satisfied by completing courses in another General Education category.
- † General education courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both general education and the major, minor, and program emphases, where applicable. Students should carefully review major requirements to determine if specific courses can also satisfy these general education categories.
- A list of university approved general education courses and administrative policies are available here (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2022-23/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).

## Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
All courses taken for the Finance Major require a grade of C or better. A minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA is required for admission to the major, to enroll in 300-400 level courses, and to graduate.		
<b>Requirements for Admission to Pre-Major Requirements:</b>		
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking (May satisfy general education category C)	3
ENGL 120	College Composition II (May satisfy general education category C)	3
MATH 144	Mathematics for Business	4
PSYC 111 or SOC 110	Introduction to Psychology (May satisfy general education category B) Introduction to Sociology	3
ECON 201 or ECON 202	Principles of Microeconomics (May satisfy general education category B and G) Principles of Macroeconomics	3
<b>Finance Major Requirements:</b>		
TL 116	Business Software Applications	3
ACCT 200	Elements of Accounting I	3
ACCT 201	Elements of Accounting II	3
ECON 202 or ECON 201	Principles of Macroeconomics (May satisfy general education category B and G) Principles of Microeconomics	3
PHIL 216	Business Ethics (May satisfy general education category A)	3
ENGL 320	Business and Professional Writing (May satisfy general education category C)	3
STAT 330	Introductory Statistics (May satisfy general education category R)	3
STAT 331	Regression Analysis	2
<b>Admission to major program required prior to taking the following courses:</b>		
FIN 320	Principles of Finance (requires a grade of C or better) <sup>1</sup>	3
MGMT 320	Foundations of Management <sup>1</sup>	3
MIS 320	Management Information Systems <sup>1</sup>	3
MRKT 320	Foundations of Marketing <sup>1</sup>	3
FIN 410	Investment Analysis and Management	3
FIN 420	Options, Futures, and Other Derivatives	3
FIN 430	Management of Financial Institutions	3
FIN 440	International Finance	3
FIN 460	Corporate Finance	3
BUSN 430	Legal and Social Environment of Business <sup>1</sup>	3
BUSN 489	Strategic Management (Capstone Course) <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Finance Electives</b>		
Select 9 credits of 300-400 level courses with the FIN prefix		9
<b>300-400 Level Electives</b>		
Select any course prefix at the 300-400 level		12
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>93</b>

<sup>1</sup> Denotes Common Body of Knowledge (CBK) course.

- Students follow the published curricula for the finance program of study from the semester/year of entrance in the College of Business to graduation provided enrollment at NDSU has not been discontinued for more than one year. Students who change their major are subject to meeting the curricular requirements in effect at the time the new major is declared.
- Business courses from programs that do not hold AACSB International accreditation cannot be used for major or minor requirements in the College of Business (CoB); such courses may be eligible for use as free electives.

- The CoB accepts a maximum of nine credits of non-NDSU 300-400 level business courses from AACSB programs with approval of the department.
- Admission into the finance major: Students must submit an online application to the CoB.
- Admission to the finance major is required to enroll in the advanced 300 or 400 level courses in the CoB.
- A letter grade must be earned in any course that fulfills a major requirement (with the exception of some practicum options).
- Of the credits completed in residence at least 30 credits must be in 300-400 level CoB courses.
- Students must be accepted to the finance major prior to the completion of the last 30 credits in 300 and 400 level CoB courses.
- A Business Administration minor is NOT offered with this major.
- For multiple majors within the CoB, at least 15 unique credits of 300-400 level CoB courses must exist between the majors.

## Certificate Requirements

### Certificate: Finance

Minimum Required Credits: 9

Code	Title	Credits
FIN 320	Principles of Finance	3
Select 2 courses from the following:		6
FIN 410	Investment Analysis and Management	
FIN 420	Options, Futures, and Other Derivatives	
FIN 430	Management of Financial Institutions	
FIN 440	International Finance	
FIN 450	Advanced Bank Management	
FIN 451	Credit Analysis	
FIN 460	Corporate Finance	
FIN 470	Analysis of Fixed-Income Securities	
FIN 480	Applied Portfolio Management	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>9</b>

Degree Notes:

- Students must earn a 2.50 cumulative GPA in the courses used to satisfy the certificate requirements.
- Courses may not be taken Pass/Fail.
- Required courses for the certificate may require prerequisites.