

Finance Major

Major Requirements

Degree Type: B.S.
Minimum Credits Required: 120

University Degree Requirements

For complete details on these and other university degree requirements, refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/>) section in the University Catalog.

1. Minimum of 120 semester credits (some programs may exceed this minimum).
2. Complete the University General Education requirements.
3. Minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
4. Minimum of 30 credits in resident at NDSU.
5. Minimum of 36 upper level credits (courses numbered 300 or higher).
6. Students with transfer credit must meet the NDSU 30 credits in residence (#4). Of these 30 credits in residence, a minimum of 15 credits must be in courses numbered 300 or above, and 15 credits must be in the student's declared major curricula.

University General Education Requirements

A list of university approved general education courses along with the administrative policies governing the requirement and the categories is available here (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/>).

Code	Title	Credits
Category C: Communication		12
Category R: Quantitative Reasoning		3
Category S: Science and Technology		10
Category A: Humanities and Fine Arts		6
Category B: Social and Behavioral Sciences		6
Category W: Wellness		2
Category D: Cultural Diversity		
Category G: Global Perspectives		
Category L: Digital Literacy		
Total Credits		39

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Code	Title	Credits
Requirements for Admission to Pre-Major Requirements:		
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking ²	3
ENGL 120	College Composition II ²	3
MATH 144	Mathematics for Business ²	4
PSYC 111 or SOC 110	Introduction to Psychology ² Introduction to Sociology	3
ECON 201 or ECON 202	Principles of Microeconomics ² Principles of Macroeconomics	3
Finance Major Requirements:		
TL 116	Business Software Applications ²	3
ACCT 200	Elements of Accounting I ²	3
ACCT 201	Elements of Accounting II ²	3
ECON 202 or ECON 201	Principles of Macroeconomics (Select the course not taken for the pre-major.) ² Principles of Microeconomics	3
PHIL 216	Business Ethics ²	3
ENGL 320	Business and Professional Writing ²	3
STAT 330	Introductory Statistics ²	3

STAT 331	Regression Analysis ²	2
Admission to major program required prior to taking the following courses:		
FIN 320	Principles of Finance ^{1,2}	3
MGMT 320	Foundations of Management ^{1,2}	3
MIS 320	Management Information Systems ^{1,2}	3
MRKT 320	Foundations of Marketing ^{1,2}	3
FIN 330	Data Analytics in Finance ²	3
FIN 410	Investment Analysis and Management ²	3
FIN 420	Options, Futures, and Other Derivatives ²	3
FIN 430	Management of Financial Institutions ²	3
FIN 460	Corporate Finance ²	3
BUSN 430	Legal and Social Environment of Business ^{1,2}	3
BUSN 489	Strategic Management (Capstone Course) ^{1,2}	3
SCM 320	Integrated Supply Chain Management	3
300-400 Level Electives ²		
Select any course prefix at the 300-400 level		6
Finance Electives or Commercial Banking Track ²		
Complete 12 credits of 300-400 level courses with the FIN prefix or declare the Commercial Banking Track with the Office of Registration and Records and complete the courses outlined in the track below.		12
Total Credits		93

Commercial Banking Track

Code	Title	Credits
FIN 450	Advanced Bank Management ²	3
FIN 451	Credit Analysis ²	3
FIN 452	Real Estate Lending ²	3
FIN 453	Risk Management in Banking ²	3
Total Credits		12

¹ Denotes Common Body of Knowledge (CBK) course.

² Grades must be a C or better for all courses used to satisfy this requirement.

Degree Requirements and Notes:

- A minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA is required for admission to the major, to enroll in 300-400 level courses, and to graduate.
- 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.
- For admission to the finance major, students must submit an online application to the CoB.
- A letter grade must be earned in any course that fulfills a major requirement (with the exception of some practicum [options](#)).
- 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 cannot be taken with this major.