

# FINANCE (BA)

Many career choices are available in finance. The three principle areas of employment are in corporate finance, banking, and investments. This major requires development of a specific plan and input from a finance advisor.

## Program Mission

The mission of the Finance Program is to develop graduates who add value to an enterprise by applying their knowledge of business and finance theory and practice, communicating persuasively, and acting with character and compassion. Graduates of the Benedictine College Finance Program will be able to conduct financial modeling and analysis to assess financial health and need, and to efficiently allocate resources.

## Program Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to use professional-quality business communication skills to persuade or inform a specific audience regarding a business issue, mindful of the cultures and values of diverse stakeholders.
2. Graduates will be able to act with consistency and integrity, while acknowledging the inherent dignity of all human persons, to influence others and contribute to the greater good by following the model of Jesus Christ.
3. Graduates will be able to understand, interpret, identify strengths and weaknesses, and plan for future improvement of an organization's performance (financial, operational, etc.) by gathering and analyzing relevant quantitative data.
4. Graduates will be able to identify internal and external problems and prospects relevant to an organization's existence (emphasizing social-societal, economic, technological, political-legal, and global issues), and plan for future improvement by persuading internal and external stakeholders to take and support appropriate and ethical action.
5. Graduates will be able to analyze complex and ambiguous finance situations and take appropriate action, applying finance theory and tools in accordance with contemporary professional finance practice.

## Graduation Requirements for a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

### Requirements Common to All Majors in the School of Business: Accounting, Finance, International Business, Management, and Marketing

All B.A. candidates in Accounting, Finance, International Business, Management, and Marketing must satisfy the following requirements:

1. The candidate must complete the General Education requirements of the College. (See Academic Regulations and Procedures in the Course Catalog.)
2. The candidate must complete all courses required for the degree from the School of Business with a grade of C– or better in each course with an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher. Courses required for the degree are grouped in three categories known as the Common Body of Knowledge (common to all Business majors), the Major Requirements (specific to each degree), and the Capstone Curriculum (common to all Business majors). The list of courses in each category is as follows:

- a. The ten Common Body of Knowledge courses:

Code	Title	Hours
BUSI-1650	Quantitative Methods in Business	3
(A course waiver is allowed for students who have previously taken College Algebra with a grade of C– or better. Additionally, students who have a 24 or higher on the Math portion of the ACT or 580 or higher on the SAT may waive this requirement.)		
BUSI-2650	Business Statistics	3
	or MATH-1220 Introductory Statistics	
MGMT-2250	Prin of Business Management	3
ACCT-2090	Principles of Financial Accounting	3
ACCT-2100	Principles of Managerial Accounting	3
ECON-2090	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON-2100	Principles of Microeconomics	3
BUSI-3710	Legal Environment of Business	3
MKTG-3100	Principles of Marketing	3
FINC-3100	Principles of Finance	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

- b. The Major Requirements for Accounting, Finance, International Business, Management, or Marketing. (See below.)

c. The four components of the Capstone Curriculum: BUSI-4900 Strategic Management Experiential Learning Activity, ACCT-4780 Experiential Learning Activity, FINC-4780 Experiential Learning Activity, MGMT-4780 Experiential Learning Activity or MKTG-4780 Experiential Learning Activity (The Experiential Learning Activity (ELA) is required of all School of Business majors. Students must consult with their advisor and the Director of the Experiential Learning Program to determine activities and conditions that will satisfy this requirement.) or Internship, ACCT-4790 Accounting Internship, FINC-4790 Finance Internship, MGMT-4790 Mgmt Internship or MKTG-4790 Marketing Internship BUSI-4850 Seminar on Executive Writing and Communic BUSI-4860 Seminar on Ethics & Morality for Bus Prof (It is important for students and advisors to note that THEO-2000 Christian Moral Life and PHIL-3250 Ethics are prerequisites for this Seminar.)

3. Policy Statements:

a. Students may petition for more than one major in the School of Business (e.g., a student may double major in Accounting and Finance, or double major in Finance and Marketing, etc.). Students who petition for the International Business major **must** declare a co-major within the School of Business (e.g. Accounting, Finance, Management, or Marketing).

b. The minor in Business Administration is not available to majors in the School of Business. However, the minors in Accounting, Finance, and Entrepreneurship are available to majors in the School of Business.

c. For students who transfer to Benedictine College and are accepted as a major, the School of Business reserves the right to determine which transferred courses will satisfy the requirements of a major. This determination will be based on a careful review of previous course content and rigor.

## Program Requirements

In addition to the ten Common Body of Knowledge courses and the four components of the Capstone Curriculum, the major requirements for a B.A. in Finance are as follows:

Code	Title	Hours
ACCT-4200	Financial Statemnt Analysis & Busi Valu	3
FINC-4100	Corporate Finance	3
FINC-4650	Financial Spreadsheet Modeling	3
FINC-4900	International Finance	3
FINC-4910	Investment & Portfolio Analysis	3
FINC-4950	Advanced Corporate Finance	3
ECON-3060	Money & Banking	3
ECON or ACCT elective (upper-division)		3
FINC elective (upper-division)		3
FINC-COMP	Senior Comprehensive Exam	0
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>27</b>

## Suggested Sequence of Courses for a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Finance

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Freshman Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
ENGL-1010	English Composition	3
THEO-1100	Introduction to Theology	3
Foreign Language		4
GNST-1000	BC Experience	1
BUSI-1650	Quantitative Methods in Business	3
ACCT-2090	Principles of Financial Accounting	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
PHIL-1750	Principles of Nature	3
Foreign Language		4
Natural World Foundation		4
BUSI-2650	Business Statistics	3
ACCT-2100	Principles of Managerial Accounting	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Sophomore Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
EXSC-1115	Wellness for Life	1
Historical Foundation		3
Natural World Foundation		4
General Elective		3
ECON-2090	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
MGMT-2250	Prin of Business Management	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
Aesthetic Foundation		3
Philosophical Inquiry Foundation		3
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
ECON-2100	Principles of Microeconomics	3

FINC-3100	Principles of Finance	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>Junior Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
THEO-2000	Christian Moral Life <sup>1</sup>	3
General Elective		3
MKTG-3100	Principles of Marketing	3
BUSI-3710	Legal Environment of Business	3
FINC-4100	Corporate Finance	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
Historical Foundation		3
ECON-3060	Money & Banking	3
FINC-4650	Financial Spreadsheet Modeling	3
FINC-4910	Investment & Portfolio Analysis	3
General Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Junior-Senior Year</b>		
FINC-4780	Experiential Learning Activity	0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Senior Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
Aesthetic Foundation		3
PHIL-3250	Ethics <sup>1</sup>	3
ACCT-4200	Financial Statemnt Analysis & Busi Valu	3
BUSI-4850	Seminr on Executive Writing and Communic	1
FINC-4900	International Finance	3
ACCT or ECON Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
EXSC Fitness Course		1
Faith Foundation		3
BUSI-4900	Strategic Management	3
BUSI-4860	Seminr on Ethics & Morality for Bus Prof	1
FINC-4950	Advanced Corporate Finance	3
FINC Elective		3
FINC-COMP	Senior Comprehensive Exam	0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>129</b>

<sup>1</sup> Course required for the major.