

Majors – Finance

Description

Finance is a major field in the area of business that involves the study of how money is stored, protected, received, distributed and generally managed. It is a broad area and tends to overlap into a number of more specialized fields such as securities and insurance. Study in this area focuses on methods of deposits, withdrawals, checking and savings accounts, loans, interests, credit, trusts, investments, accounting procedures, budgets and financing, and security. Areas of specialization are numerous and include savings and loans, checking customer service, clerical, accounting, credit cards, computer systems, research, budget, expenditures and cost analysis, supervision and administration, trust services, and security. Refer to the undergraduate and graduate catalogs, and website, for additional information.

Skills	Possible Employment Settings	Occupational Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to synthesize data • Accuracy • Analytical skills • Communication skills • Computer knowledge • Decision-making • Interpersonal skills • Quantitative & qualitative abilities • Sales skills • Supervision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banks • Brokerage firms • Insurance companies • Real estate agencies • Securities firms • Wall Street 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actuary • Appraiser • Bank manager • Budget analyst • Chief financial officer • Commodities trader • Credit counselor • Financial analyst • Financial planner • Foreign exchange trader • Insurance agent • International trade specialist • Investment banker • Loan administrator • Mutual fund manager • Real estate developer • Securities broker • Trust analyst

Typical Work Activities

- Advise clients on proper investment strategies and financial planning
- Analyze companies offering stocks
- Develop and prepare lease or rental agreements
- Furnish information about market conditions
- Manage, evaluate, and distribute loans
- Provide property and casualty insurance, life insurance, or health insurance
- Risk assessment

Career Center Resources

- **Careers in finance**, by Trudy Ring, 2005
- **Opportunities in banking careers**, by Adrian A. Paradis, 2001
- **Opportunities in financial careers**, by Michael Sumichras, 2004
- **Opportunities in insurance careers**, by Robert M. Schrayner, 2000
- **Business Essentials**, by Ronald Ebert, 2003
- **Career Opportunities in Banking, Finance**, by Thomas Fitch, 2007