Bachelor of Science in Finance

Degree Requirements (120 semester credit hours)

I. Core Curriculum Requirements: 42 semester credit hours

Communication: 6 semester credit hours

- COMM 1311 Survey of Oral and Technology-based Communication
- RHET 1302 Rhetoric

Mathematics: 3 semester credit hours

- MATH 1325 Applied Calculus I

Life and Physical Sciences: 6 semester credit hours

Select any 6 semester credit hours from Life and Physical Sciences core courses (see advisor and degree requirements)

Language, Philosophy and Culture: 3 semester credit hours

Select any 3 semester credit hours from Language, Philosophy and Culture core courses (see advisor)

Creative Arts: 3 semester credit hours

Select any 3 semester credit hours from Creative Arts core courses (see advisor)

American History: 6 semester credit hours

Select any 6 semester credit hours from American History core courses (see advisor)

Government / Political Science: 6 semester credit hours

- GOVT 2305 American National Government
- GOVT 2306 State and Local Government

Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 semester credit hours

- ECON 2301 Principles of Macroeconomics
Component Area Option: 6 semester credit hours

MATH 1326  Applied Calculus II
ECON 2302  Principles of Microeconomics

II. Major Requirements: 73 semester credit hours

Major Preparatory Courses: 15 semester credit hours

ACCT 2301  Introductory Financial Accounting
ACCT 2302  Introductory Management Accounting
BLAW 2301  Business and Public Law
ECON 2301  Principles of Macroeconomics
ECON 2302  Principles of Microeconomics
MATH 1325  Applied Calculus I
MATH 1326  Applied Calculus II
OPRE 3333  Quantitative Business Analysis
or MATH 2333  Matrices, Vectors, and Their Application
STAT 3360  Probability and Statistics for Management and Economics
or OPRE 3360  Managerial Methods in Decision Making Under Uncertainty

Major Core Courses: 28 semester credit hours

FIN 3100  Professional Development
BCOM 3310  Business Communication
BCOM 4350  Advanced Business Communication
FIN 3320  Business Finance
MIS 3300  Introduction to Management Information Systems
OPRE 3310  Operations Management
OBHR 3310  Organizational Behavior
MKT 3300  Principles of Marketing
BPS 4305  Strategic Management
IMS 3310  International Business

Major Related Courses: 9 semester credit hours

FIN 3390 Introduction to Financial Modeling
FIN 3330 Personal Financial Planning
FIN 4310 Intermediate Business Finance

Elective Courses: 21 semester credit hours

Students must select no less than 12 semester credit hours of upper-division course work from the following list of courses: FIN 3305, FIN 3340, FIN 3350, FIN 3360, FIN 3365, FIN 3370, FIN 3380, FIN 3390, FIN 4300, FIN 4320, FIN 4321, FIN 4328, FIN 4330, FIN 4335, FIN 4340, FIN 4345, FIN 4350, FIN 4360, FIN 4380, FIN 4390, FIN 4399, FIN 4V80, or FIN 4V90.

Students must select at least 3 semester credit hours of upper-division course work from the following list of courses: ACCT 3331, ACCT 3332, ACCT 3341, ACCT 3350, or ACCT 4336.

Finance Tracks

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Finance will be best prepared for certain career paths if they follow the below recommended course work for each of the below tracks, but they are not required to do so.

Corporate Finance Track - Students who choose this track will focus on the skills necessary to manage the financial problems of a firm. Students completing this track pursue careers as corporate financial officers, private equity capitalists, and investment bankers.

Recommended coursework (21 hours): FIN 3350, FIN 3380, FIN 4340, FIN 4360, ACCT 3331, ACCT 3332, ACCT 3341

Investment Track - Students who choose to concentrate in the Investment track study to become investment analysts and investment advisors. Careers in this field include security analysts, portfolio managers, etc. Students who complete this track should be prepared to take the CFA® level 1 exam.

Recommended coursework (21 semester credit hours): FIN 3340, FIN 3350, FIN 4300, FIN 4340, or FIN 4345 or FIN 4380, ACCT 3331, ACCT 4336

Personal Financial Planning - Students who choose this track will learn how to become financial planners and help clients with their financial problems. Students who complete this track meet the educational requirements set forth for the CFP® Board of Standards, Inc.

Recommended Coursework (21 semester credit hours): FIN 3305, FIN 3370*, FIN 4300*, FIN 4330*, FIN 4335*, ACCT 3350

* Notates classes required by the CFP® Board of Standards, Inc. to fulfill the educational requirement for the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ Designation

Real Estate Track - Students who choose this track will learn both the qualitative and quantitative tools necessary to enter one of the many different areas within real estate including investment analysis, consulting, brokerage, appraisal, development and corporate asset management.
Recommended Coursework (21 semester credit hours): FIN 3305, FIN 3365, FIN 4321, FIN 4328, FIN 3370, REAL 4365

Financial Information Management Track - Students who choose to concentrate in the Financial Information Management track will learn how to use the tools of information technology to apply their knowledge of finance within either a corporate or investment setting demanding the ability to work with and manipulate digitally stored data. Careers in this field include trading, investment analysis, and business analysis.

Recommended Coursework (21 semester credit hours): FIN 3350, FIN 4300, FIN 4340, FIN 4345, MIS 4300, MIS 4350, MIS 4351

III. Free Electives: 5 semester credit hours

Both lower- and upper-division courses may count as electives but students must complete at least 51 semester credit hours of upper-division courses to qualify for graduation.

JSOM freshmen are required to take BA 1100 Business Basics.

Each student is expected to complete a minimum of 160 hours of business-related work to fulfill the JSOM professional practicum requirement.

1. Incoming freshmen must complete and pass UNIV 1010 Freshman Seminar and the corresponding school-related freshman seminar course. Students, including transfer students, who complete their core curriculum at UT Dallas must take UNIV 2020.

2. Curriculum Requirements can be fulfilled by other approved courses from institutions of higher education. The courses listed are recommended as the most efficient way to satisfy both Core Curriculum and Major Requirements at UT Dallas.

3. Indicates a prerequisite class to be completed before enrolling for upper-division classes.

4. A required Major course that also fulfills a Core Curriculum requirement. Semester credit hours are counted in Core Curriculum.

5. Students may elect to substitute MATH 2413 and MATH 2414 or MATH 2417 and MATH 2419.

6. Students may substitute MATH 2418 or CS 2305.

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