Bachelor of Science in Finance

Degree Requirements (120 semester credit hours)\(^1\)

I. Core Curriculum Requirements: 42 semester credit hours\(^2\)

*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<sup>3</sup>
- **ACCT 2302** Introductory Management Accounting<sup>3</sup>
- **BLAW 2301** Business and Public Law<sup>3</sup>
- **ECON 2301** Principles of Macroeconomics<sup>3, 4</sup>
- **ECON 2302** Principles of Microeconomics<sup>3, 4</sup>
- **MATH 1325** Applied Calculus I<sup>3, 4, 5</sup>
- **MATH 1326** Applied Calculus II<sup>3, 4, 5</sup>
- **OPRE 3333** Quantitative Business Analysis<sup>3</sup>
  
  or **MATH 2333** Matrices, Vectors, and Their Application<sup>3, 6</sup>

- **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, 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 33**
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.