



Palumbo-Donahue
School of Business

Finance

The Finance major is comprised of courses in two broad areas: Corporate Finance and Investments.

In **Corporate Finance**, students learn to analyze business opportunities to identify those that create value. Financial analysis boils down to sophisticated cost-benefit analysis for decision making in all aspects of business, and students majoring in Finance successfully pursue careers with major corporate and other organizations.

In **Investments**, students learn to structure portfolios of stocks, bonds and other financial assets that meet the objectives of institutional and individual investors. The curriculum helps prepare students who wish to sit for Level I of the CFA exam series, and many graduates in Finance successfully pursue careers in asset management and wealth advising.

Why study Finance at the Palumbo-Donahue School of Business?

The Investment Strategy Institute (ISI) computer lab is dedicated to investment analysis with more than 20 Bloomberg terminals, which bring together real-time data on every financial market, breaking news, in-depth research, powerful analytics and communications tools in one fully integrated solution. The Bloomberg terminal is a very powerful tool that is used extensively in the profession and is a significant part of the Finance curriculum.

Finance students can participate in the Student Managed Investment Fund (SMIF) program under the guidance of faculty and industry professionals. This is a minimum two-year experience in which the total amount of funds available for students to manage is in excess of \$1,000,000. The SMIF experience also provides opportunities for students to interact with investment professionals, many of whom are Duquesne alumni working near campus in downtown Pittsburgh.

Additional opportunities for professional and personal development are available to students who join the Financial Management Association and the Asset Management Group at Duquesne.

Career Prospects

There are good career and intern opportunities for Finance majors with leading companies such as Federated Investors, PNC Corp., BNY Mellon, UPMC Health System, JPMorgan Chase and others. Many of these opportunities are in Downtown Pittsburgh, just minutes from campus.

Finance as a Value-Added Second Major

Finance can be combined in a double major, and many students choose to combine it with Accounting, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Information Systems and Technology, Marketing and Supply Chain Management.



Courses

Course	Prerequisite	Semesters Offered
BUSINESS CORE COURSES (48 Credits)		
REQUIRED COURSES (18 Credits)		
ACCT 311 Intermediate Accounting I	ACCT 215	Fall, Spring
ACCT 312 Intermediate Accounting II, ACCT 315 Financial Planning and Cost Management, or ISYS 480 Intro to Python for Data Analytics	ACCT 311 ACCT 215 ISYS 284	Fall, Spring Fall, Spring Fall
FINC 333 Financial Management	FINC 313	Fall, Spring
FINC 334 Investments	FINC 313	Fall, Spring
FINC 433W Financial Markets and Institutions	FINC 313	Fall, Spring
FINC 450W Cases in Finance	FINC 333, 334, and ACCT 311	Fall, Spring
ELECTIVES (6 Credits)		
FINC 324 Fixed Income Securities	FINC 313	Fall
FINC 336 Security Analysis	FINC 313	Spring
FINC 338 Derivatives	FINC 313	Spring
FINC 340 Real Estate Finance	FINC 313	Spring
FINC 400 Managing Investments II	FINC 313, ACCT 214, ECON 201 or ECON 202 and permission of SMIF Faculty Advisor	Spring
FINC 432 Credit Management	FINC 313	Fall
FINC 437 International Financial Management	FINC 313	Fall
ECON 481W Econometrics	STAT 285	Fall

Recommended Sequence

Junior Year	Fall Semester ACCT 311 – Intermediate Accounting I FINC 333 – Financial Management	Spring Semester FINC 333 – Financial Management FINC 334 – Investments Elective, Elective
Senior Year	ACCT 312, 315 or ISYS 480 FINC 433W – Financial Markets and Institutions	FINC 450W – Cases in Finance Elective

Finance majors should take FINC 313 during their sophomore year or when prerequisites have been met.

Graduation Requirements

Students must earn a minimum overall GPA of a 2.0.

A Minor in Finance (15 credit hours)

Students can earn a minor in Finance by completing FINC 313 (from the Business Core) plus FINC 333, 334 and two other Finance courses at 300 level or higher. **ACCT 311, ACCT 312, ACCT 315, ECON 481 and ISYS 480 may not be counted towards the Finance minor.**

It is the responsibility of the student to know both University-wide graduation requirements and those of the major field of study and to meet all requirements satisfactorily for graduation.

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