

Advising Notes
Business Program Revision

BA Finance, Starting Fall 2019

Introduction to Major

Finance is the study of how companies obtain funds needed for future growth and how people invest funds for future consumption. It includes business finance and personal finance. Finance deals with the concepts of time, cash flows, and risk, and how they are interrelated. It also deals with how resources are spent and budgeted. Finance is about the methods and the prices at which financial resources are exchanged, and about how this exchange impacts the decisions companies and individuals make.

Finance majors often work in the following jobs: Financial analyst, investment analyst, treasury analyst, personal financial advisory, insurance agent, credit analyst, commercial or consumer lending.

Below is an **example four-year plan**, showing required major course and cognates for the BA Finance. The finance major will offer a financial analyst track and a financial planning track with different elective classes. This table shows the new course numbers which will start fall 2019, with current class numbers and credit hours in parentheses. **Note** that for entry into 300-level courses in the BA Finance major students must achieve at least a “C” in BUS 101, BUS 201, ACCT 203, and ACCT 204.

Year	Fall	Interim	Spring	Summer
1 st	BUS 101 (BUS 160) (3) IS 175 (3)		STAT 143 (3) CAS 101, 141 or ART 153 (3)	
2 nd	ECON 221 (3) ACCT 204 (4)		ACCT 203 (3) ECON 222 (3) BUS 201 (BUS 360) (3) FIN 301 (BUS 370) (3)	Internship
3 rd	MKTG 301 (BUS 380) (3) FIN 302 (BUS 371) (3)	Off campus?	BUS 392 (BUS 362) (3) Finance Elective 1 (3)	Internship
4 th	BUS 393 (BUS 396) (3) Finance Elective 2 (3)	Off campus?	BUS 394 (BUS 397) (3) Finance Elective 3 (3)	Career or grad school

In addition for Track A: **Financial Analyst Track**

FIN 310

One from BUS 391 (BUS 359), Econ 326, 331

One from ACCT 205, 301, 302, 306, BUS 350

In addition for Track B: **Financial Planning Track**

MKTG 303 (New Class)

ACCT 306

One from BUS 391 (BUS 359), personal finance interim

What now?

- Take FIN 301 (BUS 370) Corporate Finance as soon as possible. Prereqs are IS 175, STAT 143, ACCT 204 and ECON 221.
- Consider the two tracks and start thinking which would be best for you.
- After taking ACCT 203 and 204, take ACCT 205 and consider a minor in accounting.

BA Finance (Major)	New Major Courses Starting Fall 2019¹	Credit Hours	Current Course Equivalencies	Credit Hours	Semester Offered FA 18 SP 19	Advising notes
Required in New Major						
Managerial Accounting	ACCT 203	3	ACCT 203	3	FA, SP	
Financial Accounting	ACCT 204	4	ACCT 204	4	FA, SP	
Introduction to Business	BUS 101	3	BUS 160	3	FA, SP	
Management and Org Behavior	BUS 201	3	BUS 360	3	FA, SP	
Business Ethics	BUS 392	3	BUS 362	3	FA, SP	
Strategic Management	BUS 393	3	BUS 396	3	FA, SP	
Business Capstone	BUS 394	3	BUS 397	3	FA, SP	
Corporate Finance	FIN 301	3	BUS 370	3	FA, SP	
Investments	FIN 302	3	BUS 371	3	FA	
Marketing	MKTG 301	3	BUS 380	3	FA, SP	
Pick A or B below:						
A: Financial Analyst Track						
Special Topics in Finance	FIN 310	3	BUS 372	3	SP	
One from:						
Business Internship (in Finance)	BUS 391	3	BUS 359	3	FA, SP	
Business Cycles and Forecasting	ECON 326	3	ECON 326	3	SP	
Money and Financial Markets	ECON 331	3	ECON 331	3	SP	
One from:						
Financial reporting & analysis	ACCT 205	3	ACCT 205	3	SP	
Intermediate Accounting 1	ACCT 301	4	ACCT 301	4	FA	
Intermediate Accounting 2	ACCT 302	4	ACCT 302	4	SP	
Income Tax	ACCT 306	4	ACCT 306	4	FA	
Business Law	BUS 350	3	BUS 350	3	FA, SP	
B: Financial Planning Track						
Professional Selling	MKTG 303	3	None			
Income Tax	ACCT 306	4	ACCT 306	4	FA	
One from:						
Business Internship (in Finance)	BUS 391	3	BUS 359	3	FA, SP	
Personal Finance Interim	TBD	3	IDIS W__	3	I	
Total Credits in Major		40-41				
Cognates						
Principles of Microeconomics	ECON 221	3	ECON 221	3	FA, SP	
Principles of Macroeconomics	ECON 222	3	ECON 222	3	FA, SP	
Productivity Software	IS 175	3	IDIS 110 and IS 171	2	FA, SP	
Introduction to Probability and Statistics, or equivalent	STAT 143	4	STAT 143	4	FA, SP	
One from:						
Visual Culture	ART 153	3	ART 153	3	FA, SP	
Oral Rhetoric	CAS 101	3	CAS 101	3	FA, SP	
Visual Rhetoric	CAS 141	3	CAS 141	3	FA, SP	
Total cognate credits		16				
Total credits in Major+Cognates		56-57				

¹ The new course numbers will not appear in Calvin's registration system until course registration for Fall 2019.