

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE

OVERVIEW

From the activity of trading pits in the Chicago exchanges to the corporate finance departments of Fortune 500 companies, finance professionals understand how businesses and markets work. Students entering the field of finance can expect new challenges as the industry becomes more analytical, more global and more rewarding than ever.

Lewis University's Department of Finance offers a comprehensive major, which includes classes in corporate finance, investments, financial planning, and derivative markets. The Finance curriculum is designed to prepare students to meet the challenges of the world's dynamic financial markets, and prepares majors for careers in the areas of corporate finance, banking, personal finance, futures and options, and security analysis.

Throughout their coursework, students will learn both the theory and applications of the topics covered in class. Some of the projects in which students have been involved are:

- analyzing the financial viability of a new product
- simulated trading in futures and options
- analyzing the price of home individuals can afford
- computer modeling of a lease versus purchase problem

The learning process is equally important both in and out of the classroom. Finance majors also have the opportunity to interact with business leaders and corporations. For example, a group of finance majors recently performed an analysis of Ace Hardware's franchising system.

CAREER OUTLOOK

Nearly every business, nonprofit organization and government agency employs personnel to oversee budgets, manage assets, and perform cost analysis and many other financial functions. Finance majors may find work in one of the following positions:

- Financial manager
- Finance officer
- Credit manager
- Broker
- Commodities trader
- Controller
- Treasurer
- Risk and insurance manager
- Securities analyst

According to the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, jobs requiring a bachelor's degree are projected to grow at a rate of 15 percent through 2010 with finance-related jobs growing as fast as the national average (10 percent - 20 percent) for all occupations.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- The Lewis Finance curriculum will provide students with a solid foundation in the analytical and critical thinking needed to interpret data, as well as the necessary communication skills needed to succeed as team members in the modern business environment.
- A practical major, students also will learn how to invest for their retirement, finance a home, and negotiate a great car deal.
- In 2006, a student investment club was established, allowing members to make decisions on investing a portion of the University's endowment fund.
- Faculty in the Finance Department are experienced in the areas of financial planning, security valuation, international banking, and small business consulting.

INTERNSHIPS

The Lewis University College of Business Internship Program allows students to earn academic credit toward a bachelor's degree in Finance while gaining valuable experience through on-the-job training. Internships are offered throughout the fall, spring and summer sessions, and require a minimum of 200 hours to master skills discussed by the student and the internship advisor. Students can earn internship credit in one of three ways:

1. Apply for internships with companies currently offering internships to Lewis students.
2. Apply for an internship based on a current financial position with an organization.
3. Students may also seek out internship opportunities on their own upon approval by the College of Business for a project relating to the student's academic interest.

Internships must be approved by the Internship Coordinator, and meet all learning requirements. For more information, contact Dr. Laura Leli Carmine by e-mail at lelila@lewisu.edu or call (815) 836-5458.

Some of the companies Lewis University has partnered with include:

A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc.
 Caterpillar Inc.
 Chicago Board of Trade
 Edward Jones
 Environmental Design Systems
 Illinois Bar Association
 InvestSmart Strategies
 Leo Burnett
 Liberty Tax
 McDonald's Corporation
 Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc.
 Merrill Lynch
 The San Jose Group
 Walt Disney
 Weiland Financial Group

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

The Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) and Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA®) designations are industry certifications recognized across the globe. Financial professionals endure rigorous testing to achieve these certifications, which represent the highest levels of ethical and business standards, and client relations. Although testing is done through the official organizations granting the CFA and CFP designations, the finance academic advisor can assist students in coursework that can prepare them for these examinations. For more information, go to www.cfp.net and/or www.cfainstitute.org.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE / FINANCE

Total Credit Hours: 128
Major Credit Hours: 64

I. Core Courses (40)

- 04-200 Basic Macroeconomics (3)
- 04-201 Basic Microeconomics (3)
- 23-120 Principles of Accountancy I (3)
- 23-121 Principles of Accountancy II (3)
- 24-349 Business Statistics (3)
- 24-350 Decision Science (3)
- 25-200 Principles of Marketing (3)
- 61-200 Principles of Management (3)
- 61-250 Business Law I
- 61-300 Business Communication in the Digital Age (3)
- 61-390 Management Seminar (1)
- 62-200 Principles of Finance (3)
- 63-200 Introduction to Information Systems (3)

Select one of the following:

- 24-230 Finite Mathematics (3)
- 24-240 Business Calculus (3)

II. Major Area Courses (15)

- 04-335 Money and Banking (3)
- 62-440 International Finance (3)
- 62-300 Corporate Finance (3)
- 62-410 Investment Analysis (3)
- 62-450 Topics and Cases in Finance (3)

III. Select three electives (9)

- 04-362 Intermediate Price Theory (3)
- 23-430 Individual Income Tax (3)
- 62-320 Futures and Options (3)
- 62-350 Personal Financial Planning (3)

IV. The advanced writing requirement of the General Education curriculum is satisfied by Finance majors by successful completion of Business Communication in the Digital Age (61-300) (3).

DOUBLE MAJOR

Accountancy, Business Administration, Economics, Computer Information Systems, Information Security and Risk Management, and Marketing majors can earn a double major in Finance by completing the eight Major Area and Elective Courses (24) listed above.

MINOR / FINANCE FOR BUSINESS MAJORS

Accountancy, Business Administration, Economics, Computer Information Systems, Information Security and Risk Management, and Marketing majors can earn a minor in Finance by completing four of the following courses (12):

I. Core Course (3)

- 62-300 Corporate Finance (3)

II. Select three electives (9)

- 04-335 Money and Banking (3)
- 62-320 Futures and Options (3)
- 62-350 Personal Financial Planning (3)
- 62-410 Investment Analysis (3)
- 62-440 International Finance (3)
- 62-450 Topics and Cases in Finance (3)

MINOR / FINANCE FOR NON-BUSINESS MAJORS

Non-College of Business students can minor in Finance by completing five of the following courses (15):

I. Core Courses (9)

- 23-120 Principles of Accountancy I (3)
- 62-200 Principles of Finance (3)
- 62-300 Corporate Finance (3)

II. Select two electives (6)

- 04-335 Money and Banking (3)
- 62-320 Futures and Options (3)
- 62-350 Personal Financial Planning (3)
- 62-410 Investment Analysis (3)
- 62-440 International Finance (3)
- 62-450 Topics and Cases in Finance (3)

WEB SITES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Association of Financial Professionals - www.afponline.org

Careers in Business - www.careers-in-business.com

Financial Jobs - www.financial-jobs.com

Lewis University - www.lewisu.edu

Official Web site for the CFA® designation - www.cfainstitute.org

Official Web site for the CFP® designation - www.cfp.net