

FINANCE (BS)

Bachelor of Science

The finance major prepares students to assume the various positions available in financial management. The curriculum is designed to meet industry licensing standards to equip students to achieve career objectives.

A career in finance is both challenging and rewarding, and successful majors in this field are in high demand. Study in finance requires careful attention to detail since finance blends concepts from accounting, economics, and statistics into the coursework. For those who enjoy the challenge of analytical work and the responsibility of managing financial resources, finance is a great fit. Students enrolled in this program take basic coursework in the functional areas of finance, accounting, and economics.

In-depth study in finance includes coursework in corporate finance, investments and portfolio management, financial markets, and taxation. Students also benefit from a professional internship experience in the finance field.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
ACC-2010	Principles of Financial Accounting	4
ECN-2030	Principles of Economics	4
FIN-2010	Personal Finance	4
FIN-3400	Principles of Finance	4
FIN-3480	Financial Markets and Institutions	4
FIN-3810-9	Selected Topics in Finance	4
or ECN-3810-9	Selected Topics in Economics	
FIN-4250	Investments and Portfolio Management	4
FIN-4430	Advanced Corporate Finance	4
FIN-4940	Finance Internship	4
MTH-2100	General Statistics	4
Total Credits		40

Undergraduate Degree Requirements

A student who graduates from Aurora University with a baccalaureate degree will have met the following requirements:

- Completion of all requirements for an approved major (with no grades lower than "C").
- Overall completion of at least 120 semester hours of coursework with a GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale (a course may be utilized only once in application toward a degree requirement, unless otherwise noted in the academic regulations). The 120 semester hours of coursework must include:
 - At least 52 semester hours completed at a senior college.
 - Residency Requirement - At least 30 semester hours completed at Aurora University, including the last 24 semester hours in the degree, and including at least 18 semester hours in the major. (Portfolio assessment credit, life and vocational experience credit, off-campus experience credit, examination credit, participation credit, and block credit, shall not count toward the residency requirement).

- Upper-Division Requirement - A minimum of 30 semester hours numbered 3000 or above. Of these 30 semester hours, 15 semester hours must lie within the major and 15 semester hours must be completed at Aurora University.

- Completion of all General Education requirements (with no grades lower than "C"), as follows:
 - Quantitative and Formal Reasoning competency requirement (<https://catalog.aurora.edu/regulations-policy-catalog/academic-regulations-procedures/general-education/#satisfy-quantitative-reasoning-requirement>)
 - ENG-1000 Introduction to Academic Writing
 - IDS-1200 Discover What Matters or IDS-3040 Global Justice
 - IDS-1150 First Year Experience - *Not required for Transfer or AU Online students*)
 - Satisfactory participation in the junior-year mentoring and assessment process designed to guide students to successful completion of their degree and to encourage planning for next steps beyond graduation. (IDS-3500 Junior Mentoring Program I and IDS-3550 Junior Mentoring Program II - *Not required for ADC or AU Online students but may be designated electives for AU Online students admitted with fewer than 15 hours of transfer credit.*)
 - Distribution Requirements
Students will complete one approved course¹ from each of the following categories:
 - Artistic Literacy
 - Cultural Literacy
 - Human Inquiry
 - Scientific Inquiry

In addition to the above, ADC and Online students will also complete one approved course¹ from the following category:

- Discovery and Reflection

¹ Only courses that are approved to meet the distribution requirement can be used toward this requirement. See the list of approved courses (<https://catalog.aurora.edu/regulations-policy-catalog/academic-regulations-procedures/general-education/#approved-courses-gen-ed-distribution>) for available options. Courses taken to meet distribution requirements are 4 semester hours apiece, with the following exceptions:

- An approved transfer course of at least 2.50 semester hours can be used to satisfy a distribution requirement.
- Courses with co-requisite laboratory components may be used to satisfy a distribution requirement, provided that the student successfully complete both the three-credit-hour course and the single-credit-hour lab component.

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge Outcomes:

- Financial System: Students will be able to understand and appraise the role of major financial markets, financial institutions, and major types of financial instruments allocating capital domestically and globally.
- Financial Management: Students will be able to understand and apply the concepts, principles, and tools of financial management used to make capital and financing decisions by the firm.

- c. Valuation and Risk: Students will be able to understand and apply the principles of valuation and the nature of risk to assess investment alternatives.

Application Outcome:

- a. Application of Knowledge: Students will be able to apply the knowledge and financial tools they have acquired in producing a solid financial analysis of an organization.