Finance professionals analyze and manage financial resources. Students who major in finance develop the knowledge and skills to determine how best to allocate business and personal funds, identify and act on profitable opportunities, use derivative securities to reduce risk, and prepare financial plans on behalf of individuals, businesses, and other organizations.

The Finance Major curriculum emphasizes: analytical skills; quantitative analysis; ability to interpret data; research abilities; communication – oral and written; and computer proficiency – especially spreadsheets.

EIU’s School of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB). AACSB is the premier accreditation body for institutions offering degrees in business and accounting.

Because financial information and analysis are critical to business decision-making, students who earn a degree in finance can choose from a variety of careers including:

- Financial Management
- Investments
- Banking
- Financial Planning
- Real Estate
- Insurance

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FINANCE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

A grade of C or better is required in courses designated with an arrow (▼). Enrolling in these classes is recommended in the first year.

EIU General Education Curriculum:
- ENG 1001G - College Composition I
- ENG 1002G - College Composition II
- CMN 1310G - Introduction to Speech Communication
- MAT 2120G - Finite Mathematics
- ECN 2801G - Principles of Macroeconomics
- ECN 2802G - Principles of Microeconomics

Critical Thinking & Quantitative Reasoning (CTQR): Course:
- CTQR Course Options: CMN2040, ECN3450, GEO3810, MAT2110G, MIS3505, OSC3800, OSC4820, PHI1900G, PHI1990G

Students also must fulfill the University foreign language requirement (two courses in a single foreign language) unless exempt based on high school course work.

Business Core Curriculum (prerequisites required):
- BUS 1000 - Introductory Business Seminar
- BUS 1950 - Computer Concepts & Applications for Business
- BUS 2101 - Financial Accounting
- BUS 2102 - Managerial Accounting (BUS2101)
- BUS 2750 - Legal & Social Environment of Business (ENG1002G)
- BUS 2810 - Business Statistics (BUS1950)
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- BUS 2810 - Business Statistics (BUS1950)
- BUS 3010 - Management & Organizational Behavior (60 hours)
- BUS 3200 - Management Information Systems (BUS1950, MAT2120G)
- BUS 3710 - Business Financial Mgmt (BUS2101, MAT2120G)
- BUS 3950 - Strategy & Policy (Capstone for Senior Year)

Finance Core (BUS 3710 required):
- FIN 3720 - Investments (BUS2810)
- FIN 3730 - Fin Markets: Commodities, Derivatives, & Securities
- FIN 3780 - Long-Term Financial Management

Finance Electives (BUS 3710 required):
Complete 6 from the following courses (at least 5 must have the FIN prefix)
- FIN 3300 - Fundamentals of Financial & Tax Planning
- FIN 3740 - Real Estate Fundamentals
- FIN 3750 - Management of Financial Institutions
- FIN 3760 - Real Estate Investment (FIN3720 with C)
- FIN 3900 - Risk & Insurance
- FIN 4110 - Special Topics in Finance
- FIN 4200 - Portfolio Management (FIN3720, FIN3730)
- FIN 4220 - Applied Securities Analysis (FIN3720, FIN3730)
- FIN 4275 - Internship in Finance
- FIN 4300 - Retirement & Estate Planning
- FIN 4400 - Fin Analysis & Planning (FIN3720, 3730, 3770, 3780)
- FIN 4500 - Fin Plan Case Studies (FIN3300, 3720, 3900^, 4300^)
- FIN 4820 - International Finance
- ACC 3200 - Financial Accounting Theory I
- ACC 3300 - Management & Cost Accounting

Finance majors complete 9 semester hours of electives. Students who are exempt from MAT 1271 as a prerequisite to other math courses will complete an additional 3 semester hours of electives.

Students planning to sit for the Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) certification exam should complete all classes shown in italics. FIN 3900, FIN 4300, and FIN 4500 can be taken concurrently.

Recommended Schedule of Classes

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*Take these courses in this term to meet future prerequisites.