

FINANCE - BBA

This program equips students with the theoretical and empirical tools necessary to achieve high levels of expertise in all areas of finance.

The Adam C. Sinn '00 Department of Finance (<https://mays.tamu.edu/departments/finance/>) offers a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Finance. Finance is the study of how individuals, companies, and governments allocate resources over time, under conditions of risk or uncertainty. The BBA Finance (FINC) major equips students in the core financial areas of corporate finance, investments, and markets and institutions.

In addition to earning a BBA FINC degree, majors may apply for one of several specialized fields of study:

- Aggies on Wall Street (AOWS)
- Commercial Banking Certificate Program (CBP)
- Corporate Finance Certificate Program (CFP)
- Trading, Risk and Investments Certificate Program (TRIP)

Finance students also have access to applied finance courses including *Titans of Investing*, which exposes students to a broad perspective of financial markets and global developments; the *Tanner Fund* and *Reveille Fund*, which allow students to manage real money for credit; *Financial Modeling*, in which students build Excel-based financial models in the context of company valuations, leveraged buyout investments, and mergers and acquisitions; and multiple commercial real estate analysis classes.

BBA FINC graduates are qualified for careers including investment bankers, commercial bankers, investment fund managers, traders, corporate treasurers, comptrollers, chief financial officers, investor relations officers, risk managers, investment analysts, and commercial real estate analysts.

Upper-Level Entry Requirements

Admission to the upper-level major of finance (FINC) requires satisfactory completion of specific coursework. To review requirements and application procedures see Upper-Level Entry Requirements and Application Procedures (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/business/>).

Program Requirements

Lower-Level Business Program (BUAD)

First Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
BUSN 101	Freshman Business Initiative ¹	3
MATH 140	Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences ²	3
American history (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history) ³		3
Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3

Communication (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication)	3
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Semester Credit Hours 15

Spring

ECON 202	Principles of Economics	3
MATH 142	Business Calculus ⁴	3
American history (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history) ³		3
Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3
Social and behavioral sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences)		3

Semester Credit Hours 15

Second Year

Fall

ACCT 229	Introductory Accounting	3
ECON 203	Principles of Economics	3
ISTM 210	Fundamentals of Information Systems	3
POLS 206	American National Government ³	3
Communication (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication) ¹		3

Semester Credit Hours 15

Spring

ACCT 230	Introductory Accounting	3
BUSN 203	Statistical Methods for Business ⁵	3
Creative arts (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts) ¹		3
Language, philosophy and culture (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)		3
Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3

Semester Credit Hours 15

Total Semester Credit Hours 60

¹ Refer to the specific major notes below for variations from the Business (lower level) requirements.

² MATH 148, MATH 152, MATH 168 and MATH 172 will be accepted in lieu of MATH 140.

³ For those students under ROTC contract, see Requirement 7 of the "Requirements for a Baccalaureate Degree." (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/>)

⁴ MATH 147, MATH 151 and MATH 171 will be accepted in lieu of MATH 142.

⁵ STAT 211 will be accepted in lieu of BUSN 203.

Management Information Systems: Students intending to major in Management Information Systems must add ISTM 250 Business Programming Logic and Design (3 credits) to second year fall curriculum

in Business (lower level). The communication elective can be taken during the third year fall.

Business Honors: Students admitted to Business Honors take BUSN 125 Business Learning Community I (3 credits) in place of BUSN 101 in the first year fall curriculum and must add BUSN 225 Business Competency (3 credits) to the second year spring curriculum in Business (lower level). The creative arts elective can be taken during the third year fall.

Finance: Students intending to major in Finance must add FINC 210 to freshman year curriculum in Business (lower-level). The general elective taken in the fourth year can be reduced by 1 credit.

Upper-Level Finance Program

Third Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
ACCT 327	Financial Reporting I	3
FINC 341	Business Finance	3
FINC 350	Ethics in Financial Decision-Making ¹	1
MGMT 363	Managing People in Organizations	3
SCMT 364	Operations Management	3
Semester Credit Hours		13

Spring

FINC 351	Investment Analysis	3
FINC 361	Managerial Finance I	3
FINC 381	Money and Capital Markets	3
MGMT 311	Legal and Social Environment of Business	3
International elective ²		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Fourth Year

Fall		
ACCT 328	Financial Reporting II	3
MKTG 321	Marketing ¹	3
POLS 207	State and Local Government ³	3
Select one of the following:		3
Accounting elective (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/acct/) ⁴		
Finance elective (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/finc/) ⁵		
Finance elective (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/finc/) ⁵		3
Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring		
MGMT 466	Strategic Management	3
Finance elective (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/finc/) ⁵		6
International elective ²		3
General elective ^{6,7}		5
Semester Credit Hours		17
Total Semester Credit Hours		60

- ¹ This course is an approved writing-designated (W) or oral communication (C) business course. See your academic advisor for additional information.
- ² Six hours required. A complete list of approved courses is available in the Undergraduate Advising Office. In the BBA curricula, three of the 6 hours of approved international elective courses simultaneously fulfill the university's International and Cultural Diversity Graduation requirement.
- ³ For those students under ROTC contract, see Requirement 7 of the 'Requirements for a Baccalaureate Degree (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/>)'.
- ⁴ Any 300- or 400-level accounting course except ACCT 327 and ACCT 328. Before enrolling in ACCT 489, students should consult with the finance department advisor.
- ⁵ Any 300- or 400-level finance course except FINC 341, FINC 350, FINC 409, and FINC 484.
- ⁶ Elective courses are open to any course offered for university credit, except ACCT 209, ACCT 210, FINC 409, IBUS 301, ISTM 209, MGMT 209, MGMT 309, MKTG 409, SCMT 309. Additional restrictions may apply; see academic advisor for information. May be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.
- ⁷ Refer to the major specific paragraph on the Lower-Level Business Program (BUAD). The general elective taken in the fourth year should be reduced by 1 credit.

Total Program Hours 120