



FINANCE CONCENTRATION

Concentration Overview

The Finance concentration prepares students for careers in specific institutions like banks and investment firms but also, more generally, for a career with any enterprise where financial decision making tools are critical. A focus on the investments industry is promoted through classwork and potential involvement in the UO Investment group. An emphasis on financial management combines courses with involvement in the student chapter of the Financial Management Association. Students interested in careers in banking are encouraged to enroll in our banking course. All Finance concentrators are encouraged to seek out internships and take advantage of the guest speakers from the finance industry sponsored by the Cameron Center for Finance and Securities Analysis.

Advising Notes

Successful completion of FIN 316 (or its transferred equivalent) is mandatory for any further coursework in Finance. Additionally, OBA 312 (formerly OBA 330) is required before taking FIN 380. It is strongly suggested that FIN 473 be taken as soon after completion of FIN 380 as is feasible for the student's schedule. All other classes in the discipline can be taken in any order available, as none of the other courses have a prerequisite other than FIN 316.

Concentration Requirements

Course Title (Credit Hours)

- Financial Markets and Investments (4)
- Financial Analysis and Valuation (4)

Choose any two of the following three:

- Derivative Markets and Financial Institutions (4)
- International Finance (4)
- Commercial Banking (4)

Course

FIN 380
FIN 473

FIN 462
FIN 463
FIN 464

Pre-requisites

Major status, OBA 312/330 & FIN 316
Major status & FIN 380

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2021-2022 Course Offering Schedule Check Duckweb for current listings

Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
FIN 380 (2)	FIN 380 (2)	FIN 380 (3)	FIN 380 (1)
FIN 462 (2)	FIN 462 (1)	FIN 462 (2)	
FIN 463 (1)	FIN 463 (1)	FIN 463 (1)	FIN 463 (1)
FIN 464 (1)	FIN 464 (1)	FIN 464 (1)	
FIN 473 (1)	FIN 473 (2)	FIN 473 (2)	

Recommended Course Sequence

FIN 473 is an advanced class that covers in more depth topics considered in 316, and should be taken soon after FIN 380 to better prepare students for corporate recruiting visits in fall and winter. FIN 464 is strongly recommended for students interested in a career in banking.

Concentration Course Descriptions

FIN 380 Financial Markets and Investments

Financial markets and security investment decisions, analysis of risk and return, portfolio policies for individual and institutional investors, financial instruments. Prereq: OBA 312/330, FIN 316 and major status.

FIN 473 Financial Analysis and Valuation

Topics include working capital management, advance capital budgeting, dividend policy, financing policy, business valuation, and corporate acquisitions. Prereq: FIN 380 and major status.

FIN 462 Derivative Markets and Financial Institutions Valuation of financial derivatives, methodologies for identifying firms' risk exposures, the role of risk management and financial derivatives in corporate strategy, and analysis of financial institutions. Prereq: FIN 316 and major status.

FIN 463 International Finance

Analysis of currency exchange rates, balance of payments; management of foreign exchange risk; risk and return in international investment. Prereq: FIN 316 and major status.

FIN 464 Commercial Banking

Operation and pricing policies of a commercial bank, concentrating on management of institutions that take deposits and make loans and investments, through the use of computer simulated banking operations. Prereq: FIN 316 and major status.

Professional Activities

Reading

- Barron's²
- Bloomberg Business Week²
- The Economist¹
- Financial Analysts' Journal²
- Financial Times¹
- Forbes²
- Journal of Applied Corporate Finance¹
- Wall Street Journal^{1,2}

Campus Opportunities

- Alpha Kappa Psi^{1,2}
- UO Investment Group^{1,2}
- UO Credit Finance Group³
- Financial Mgmt. Assoc.^{1,2,3}
- Beta Alpha Psi¹ (completion of ACTG 350 required)
- CFA Affiliation

Off-campus Opportunities

- Chartered Financial Analyst Program^{1,2}
- Certified Financial Planner Program^{2,3}
- GARP/Financial Risk Manager³
- Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst^{2,3}

Careers

- Financial Analyst¹
- Credit Analyst³
- Commercial lending^{1,3}
- Financial consulting¹
- Entrepreneur¹
- Risk management¹
- Investment banking¹
- Hedge Fund Operations^{2,3}
- Portfolio management²
- Asset management²
- Security analysis²
- Financial planning²
- Bank trust services²
- Securities trading and sales²

Recommended Business Electives

ACTG 350^{1,2,3} Intermediate Accounting I, **ACTG 351**^{1,2,3} Intermediate Accounting II, **ACTG 352**^{1,2,3} Intermediate Accounting III, **ACTG 360**¹ Cost Accounting, **OBA 410** Python for Data Analytics, **OBA 410** Business Decision Analytics, **OBA 410** Sports Analytics **OBA 455** Predictive Modeling. Additionally recommended: Any class that focuses on the improvement of oral and written communication skills.

Recommended non-Business electives

ECON 360^{1,2} Issues in Industrial Organization
ECON 370^{1,2,3} Money and Banking
ECON 411^{1,2,3} Advanced Microeconomic Theory
ECON 320/421² Introduction to Econometrics I and II

Advising

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