



## FINANCE CONCENTRATION

### Concentration Overview

The Finance concentration prepares students to enter careers in a variety of financial institutions and finance-related operations. 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 with an interest in Commercial Bank and Credit Union operations are oriented toward classwork and potential involvement in the UO Credit Finance Group. All Finance concentrators are encouraged to develop internships and to 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 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 330/312 & FIN 316  
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### 2018-19 Course Offering Schedule Check Duckweb for current listings

Fall	Winter	Spring
FIN 380	FIN 380	FIN 380
FIN 462	FIN 462	FIN 462
FIN 463	FIN 463	FIN 463
FIN 464	FIN 464	FIN 464
FIN 473	FIN 473	FIN 473

### 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 a banking institution.

## Concentration Course Descriptions

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### 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 330/312, 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 316, 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

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### Reading

- Barron's<sup>2</sup>
- Bloomberg Business Week<sup>2</sup>
- The Economist<sup>1</sup>
- Financial Analysts' Journal<sup>2</sup>
- Financial Times<sup>1</sup>
- Forbes<sup>2</sup>
- Journal of Applied Corporate Finance<sup>1</sup>
- Wall Street Journal<sup>1,2</sup>

### Campus Opportunities

- Alpha Kappa Psi<sup>1,2</sup>
- UO Investment Group<sup>1,2</sup>
- UO Credit Finance Group<sup>3</sup>
- Financial Mgmt. Assoc.<sup>1,2,3</sup>
- Beta Alpha Psi<sup>1</sup> (completion of ACTG 350 required)
- CFA Affiliation

### Off-campus Opportunities

- Chartered Financial Analyst Program<sup>1,2</sup>
- Certified Financial Planner Program<sup>2,3</sup>
- GARP/Financial Risk Manager<sup>3</sup>
- Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst<sup>2,3</sup>
- Job Shadow Program<sup>1,2,3</sup>  
[business.uoregon.edu/ug/job-shadow](http://business.uoregon.edu/ug/job-shadow)

## Careers

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- Financial Analyst<sup>1</sup>
- Credit Analyst<sup>3</sup>
- Commercial lending<sup>1,3</sup>
- Financial consulting<sup>1</sup>
- Entrepreneur<sup>1</sup>
- Risk management<sup>1</sup>
- Investment banking<sup>1</sup>
- Hedge Fund Operations<sup>2,3</sup>
- Portfolio management<sup>2</sup>
- Asset management<sup>2</sup>
- Security analysis<sup>2</sup>
- Financial planning<sup>2</sup>
- Bank trust services<sup>2</sup>
- Securities trading and sales<sup>2</sup>

## Recommended Business Electives

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**ACTG 350**<sup>1,2,3</sup> Intermediate Accounting I, **ACTG 351**<sup>1,2,3</sup> Intermediate Accounting II, **ACTG 352**<sup>1,2,3</sup> Intermediate Accounting III, **ACTG 360**, Cost Accounting, **OBA 433**<sup>1,2,3</sup> Information Analysis for Manage. Decisions, Additionally recommended: Any class that focuses on the improvement of oral and written communication skills.

## Recommended non-Business electives

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**ECON 360**<sup>1,2</sup> Issues in Industrial Organization  
**ECON 370**<sup>1,2,3</sup> Money and Banking  
**ECON 411**<sup>1,2,3</sup> Advanced Microeconomic Theory  
**ECON 320/421**<sup>2</sup> Introduction to Econometrics I and II

## Advising

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### Location

203 Peterson  
Lillis Business Complex

### Hours

Monday-Friday  
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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