



Finance & Securities Analysis Career Brief

What jobs can I get with a degree in Finance?

NOTE: All organizations need people with strong finance and accounting skills. The following career paths are general in their description, but can be found in all industries and type of organizations – for-profit, not-for-profit, educational, and government.

Major employers of finance graduates (along with names of example local organizations where UO graduates can be found):

- Banks (US Bank, Bank of America, Umpqua Bank, Silicon Valley Bank, Key Bank, JP Morgan Chase, Citibank, Wells Fargo)
- Credit Unions (Oregon Community Credit Union, Northwest Community Credit Union)
- Financial companies (Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, UBS, D.A. Davidson, Fisher Investments, JP Morgan Chase, Wells Fargo, Vista Capital, AKT Wealth Advisors)
- Insurance companies (Kaiser, Standard)
- Real estate companies (Shorenstein Real Estate Management, Scanlan Kemper Bard)
- Government (State of Oregon, Cal-PERS)
- Investment companies (RBC, Goldman Sachs, Blackrock, Folger Hill, Jensen, Pacific Crest Securities, Mazama Capital Management)
- Universities and colleges (UO)
- Public Utilities (Portland General Electric, Pacific Gas & Electric)
- Research/consulting companies (Pension Consulting Associates, CTC consulting)
- Manufacturing companies (NIKE, Intel, adidas, Columbia, The Honest Co.)
- Service businesses (KPMG, Deloitte, pwc, Microsoft)
- Hospitals (Oregon Health and Sciences University)

Job Functions & Titles

Customer Facing

- Financial advisor/planner/counselor – advise others (usually individuals) on the management of their investments and speculations, to help them achieve their financial goals; develop financial plans
- Asset manager – management of corporate and/or governmental funds for investment purposes

Advisory/Consultative

- Researcher, Statistician, and Analyst – study and report on all aspects of national, regional, and local economics, securities markets, and corporations
- Investment Banker – raise capital needed for industry and governments from pools of funds accumulated by large and small savers and investors
- Financial economist – study the nature of money, credit, and credit investments and the operation of banks and other financial institutions, to develop monetary policies and to forecast financial activities
- Business valuation services – develop and report on valuation of target entity for potential investment and acquisition

Operational

- Corporate treasurer – supervise most financial matters of a company, including investments of corporate assets
- Controller – control and interpret financial data for corporation and work in coordination and planning efforts
- Credit risk analyzer – review individual applications for credit to evaluate risk involved for lender/investor

Organizations

Professional

- [Chartered Financial Analyst Institute](#)
- [Financial Planning Association](#)
- [Investments & Wealth Institute](#)
- [American Bankers Association](#)
- [Financial Management Association](#)
- [Financial Executives International](#)
- [Association for Finance Professionals](#)

Student

- [University of Oregon Investment Group](#)
- [UO Financial Management Association](#)

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