What can I do with my Major?

FINANCE

OVERVIEW OF MAJOR

Finance is the management of money, banking, investments, and credit. The financial services industry affects virtually every aspect of our lives and includes banks, security firms, insurance companies, and other financial institutions. Majoring in Finance prepares students for careers in corporate finance, financial planning, insurance, investments, real estate, public accounting, health systems, money management, and commercial banking.

Students entering the field of finance must possess a variety of skills. Most importantly, a student must have the ability to analyze facts and numbers using an aptitude for math and the decision-making process. Because much risk is involved in finance, a student should be able to work well under pressure and have the ability to handle heavy responsibility. Also, human relations and communications skills are very important when handling customer requests. Enthusiasm, professionalism, and friendliness will create success with customers.

NATURE OF WORK

Finance graduates may work in a bank as a bank trainee, concentrating in such areas as corporate buyouts, mergers and acquisitions, sales and trading, credit cards, mortgages, and fee-based services. They may research and analyze data, reporting long-term and short-term trends in the economy, and describing investment risks and market influences. They may work for an investment firm on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, filling their own investment firm’s buy-and-sell orders or trading securities with other firms. They may help individuals invest private money to plan for their retirement or save money for a child’s college education.

SAMPLE JOB TITLES

Visit O*Net and conduct an Occupation Quick Search of each job title to learn more about that career path.

- Personal Financial Advisor
- Business Teacher, Postsecondary
- Financial Examiner
- Treasurers and Controllers
- Financial Managers, Branch or Department
- Loan Counselor
- Financial Analyst
- Financial Quantitative Analyst
- Sales Agent, Financial Services
- Tax Examiners and Collectors
- Revenue Agents
- Accountant
- Chief Executive
- Underwriter
- Actuary
- Staff Analyst
- Financial Program Specialist
- Fiscal Policy Manager
- Asset Manager

UCONN RESOURCES

- Department of Finance
- Beta Alpha Psi
- Finance Society
- UConn Investment Society
- International Business Society
- Freshman and Sophomore Business Society
- Student Entrepreneurial Organization
- Alpha Kappa Psi
- UConn Sport Business Association
- Undergraduate Business Leadership Council
- Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting

OTHER RESOURCES

- Association for Financial Professionals
- Certified Financial Analyst Institute