

PROFESSIONAL CAREER GUIDE: FINANCE

WHAT IS FINANCE?

The management of money and includes activities such as investing, borrowing, lending, budgeting, saving, and forecasting. Additionally, finance describes activities associated with banking, leverage or debt, credit, capital markets, money, and investments. Finance also encompasses the oversight, creation, and study of money, banking, credit investments, assets, and liabilities that make up financial systems.

FINANCE INDUSTRIES

- Corporate Finance
- Commercial Banking
- Investment Banking
- Hedge Funds
- Private Equity / Venture Capital
- Financial Planning
- Insurance
- Real Estate

PREPARING FOR YOUR CAREER

Requirements: 120 total credit hours, which includes at least 21 Finance Hours

Learn how to make the most of financial markets, raise capital, and assess risks and rewards. With expertise in corporate finance, investments, economics and financial markets and institutions, you'll be ready for careers in financial analysis, banking, real estate, and financial services.

Top skills needed:

- Attention to detail
- Analyzing data and forecasting
- Expertise in Excel
- Analytical and problem-solving skills
- Working under pressure
- Experience with programming is a plus

Important to know about working a finance-related role:

- May involve working long hours
- Competitive field with high salaries

HOW TO GET HIRED

Internships: A record of professional experience often has a greater impact on hiring than GPA. Internships give insight into the day-to-day operations and company culture.

Research: Employers hire candidates who actively stay up to date by doing the following:

- Reviewing Company Financial statements and investor relations page.
- Keeping up with financial markets and global news.



INTERNSHIP HIGHLIGHT

Student Name:

- **Immanuel Aleman**

Major/Minor:

- **Finance**

Expected Graduation Date:

- **May 2020**

Completed Internship with:

- **JPMorgan Chase & Co.**

Takeaway tips:

“Read finance articles in the Wall Street Journal. Being knowledgeable in finance requires having intellectual curiosity and researching what you don’t know.”

QUICK FACTS

Median Salary for bachelor's degree in finance in Southeast region: **\$53,750**

Expected growth of financial analyst jobs in Kentucky: **+7.27%**

Expected growth of financial analyst jobs nationally: **+6%**

GET INVOLVED: STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS & PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Student Organizations:

- Finance Society
- Wildcat Investors Club
- Investment Banking Club
- Forté Foundation

Professional Organizations:

- Alpha Kappa Psi

CERTIFICATIONS/SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Certifications:

- Bloomberg Market Concepts Certification
- Capital IQ Certification

Special Programs:

- Wall Street Prep Financial Analyst and Excel Modeling training (every semester)

Freshman Program:

- Wall Street Scholars

WHO HIRES FINANCE MAJORS?



SAMPLE JOB TITLES

- Financial Analyst
- Credit Analyst
- Investment Banker
- Personal Financial Advisor
- Insurance Underwriter
- Broker/Trader
- Actuary
- Merger/Acquisitions Manager
- Financial Manager
- Loan Officer



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1. Log into Handshake using your link blue credentials at <https://uky.joinhandshake.com/>
2. Select "Career Center", "Appointments", "Schedule A New Appointment", "BUSINESS MAJORS", chose your "Appointment Type" and click "Request"



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