

## Professional Career Guide: **Finance**

### What is **Finance**?

Finance is a term for matters regarding how individuals, institutions, governments, and businesses acquire, spend, and manage money (Capital) and other financial assets.

### **Finance** industries

- Investment Banking
- Private Equity / Venture Capital
- Investment Management
- Private Wealth Management
- Commercial Banking
- Corporate Banking
- Corporate Treasury
- Insurance
- Hedge Fund
- Commercial Real Estate

### **Preparing** for your career

**Requirements:** 120 total hours,; minimum of 21 Finance hours.

Learn how to assess risks and rewards, invest, raise and allocate capital. With courses in corporate finance, investments, and financial market, as well as courses in financial accounting, economics and statistics, you'll develop the skills you need to be successful in careers in financial services sectors (e.g., banking, investing, insurance), commercial real estate, and in finance functions of non-financial firms.

### How to get **hired**

#### Internships:

A record of professional experience and involvement often has a greater impact on hiring than GPA.

#### Research:

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

- Research the company's recent deals/investment activities/financials
- Know market /industry trends
- Read company mission statement and know company's emphasis on culture

### **Top skills** needed

- Attention to detail
- Proficiency in Excel or programming
- Problem-solving skills
- Written/Verbal Communication skills



### **Internship** Highlight

**Name:** Carson McKee

**Major:** Finance

**Graduation:** May 2022

**Company:** UBS

#### **Takeaway tips:**

"Understand that you will get out of your internship/job what you put in. Challenge something if you don't think it's correct, ask questions, bring a new perspective to your team, continuously read, and most importantly, build genuine relationships with people. While hard work and content knowledge is valuable, having a strong support network will help propel you even further."



# Certifications/Special Programs

## Certifications:

- Bloomberg Market Concepts Certification

## Special Programs:

- Wall Street Prep Valuation and Excel Modeling training (Fall Semester)

## Freshman Program:

- Wall Street Scholars

## Get involved

### Student organizations:

- Finance Society
- Wildcat Investors Club
- Entrepreneurship Club

### Professional organizations :

- Alpha Kappa Psi
- Forté Foundation

## Opportunities to Lookout for

### Career Fairs

These networking events allow you to meet a range of employers and ask questions about the company and careers at that firm.

### Internships

Internships give insight into the day-to-day operations and company culture. Many employers hire entry level positions from their junior internship programs. Experience gained through internships also make candidates more competitive in the job market.

## Quick Facts:

- Median Salary for bachelor's degree in finance from UK: **\$60,000**
- Expected growth of financial analyst jobs in Kentucky: **+8.4%** by 2028
- Expected growth of financial analyst jobs nationally: **+12%** by 2024

## Who hires Finance Majors?



JPMORGAN  
CHASE & CO.



BANK OF AMERICA



Goldman  
Sachs

Morgan  
Stanley



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