

Finance

The **finance major** prepares students to work in any of the major areas of the field of finance. These areas include commercial banking, financial planning, fixed income analyst, equity analyst, corporate financial analyst, investment banking, etc. Many of these areas are expected to grow in demand for the foreseeable future. The coursework required for this major gives students a well-rounded background in business and finance. Students will learn core financial skills and how to apply them. They will also learn to think analytically and solve problems in an uncertain environment.

Upon graduating, Finance majors should be able to: compute the cost of capital for a company and make capital budgeting decisions; make financial forecasts and analyze financial statements; and use discounted cash flow analysis and valuation metrics to value companies and their stocks.

See the Graduate section (<http://catalog.mtmercy.edu/archives/2015-16/graduateprograms>) of this *Catalog* for more information on Graduate programs offered at Mount Mercy.

Core Requirements for all Business Majors

BA 203	Principles Of Law	3
BA 250	Technology & Communication In Business	3
BA 270	Business Statistics	3
BA 379	Financial Management	3
BA 435	Senior Sem - Business	3
or BA 436	Applied Business Strategy	
BC 265	Principles Of Accounting I	3
BC 266	Principles Of Accounting II	3
BN 204	Principles Of Management	3
BK 208	Principles Of Marketing	3
EC 251	Macroeconomics Principles	3
EC 252	Microeconomic Principles	3
Select one of the following:		3
MA 130	Finite Mathematics	
MA 132	Basic Mathematical Modeling	
MA 139	Pre-Calculus	
MA 142	Mathematics Modeling	
MA 160	Business Calculus	
MA 164	Calculus I (Required for Actuarial Science Majors)	
Total Hours		36

Finance Major (Core business requirements plus 18 additional semester hours)

BA 344	Investments ¹	3
BA 420	Cases In Finance	3
EC 366	Money and Banking ²	3
One BC course numbered 300 or above		3
Select two of the following:		6
BA 320	Applied Financial Reporting	
BA 350	Risk Management	
BA 360	Securities Analysis	

BA 425	Finance Internship	
EC 376	International Economics ¹	
Total Hours		18

¹ Can NOT double count for the management or business majors or econ minor.

² Cannot double count for management or business majors but does double count for economics minors.

Academic Requirements for the Finance Major

All finance majors must achieve a minimum grade of C- in each of the following courses: BC 265, BC 266, BA 344, BA 379, BA 420, EC 251, EC 252, EC 366, and the upper level accounting course as well as both finance electives. This applies to equivalent courses transferred from other institutions.