



Finance

at Benedictine University

Why study finance at Benedictine?

When you become a Finance major at Benedictine University, you will receive thorough exposure to finance-related principles and how they are applied to the national economy and the business world. You will also be prepared to continue graduate studies.

Benedictine University offers you:

- Opportunities to gain practical experience while earning a salary and collecting college credit through an internship.
- A superb location in Chicago's western suburbs where you will be near high-tech industries, many with national headquarters nearby.
- Potential membership in the Business Club, which organizes field trips, guest speakers and social events around your business interests.
- An opportunity to study topics in specific finance-related areas such as investments, international finance, corporate finance and banking which will help you develop additional marketable skills.
- Close contact with professional faculty made possible by our low student-to-faculty ratio.
- The broad-based education that will help you get your first professional job and become an asset in earning future promotions.
- An opportunity to participate in the Investment Club, which manages more than \$100,000 of the University's endowment.
- An opportunity to become Bloomberg certified.

What careers are available with a degree in Finance?

Our program has been designed to provide you with the necessary theoretical and practical background for careers in the following finance-related fields:

- Corporate finance
- Insurance
- Investments
- Credit management
- Commercial banking
- Real estate
- Financial planning
- Treasury management
- Investment banking
- Capital budgeting
- Public finance
- Export financing

A Finance major can provide a sound foundation leading to further studies in a Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) program or law school. The capstone course, Advanced Managerial Finance, will allow you to integrate and apply your financial expertise.

How does the program work?

As a Finance major, you will acquire a broad base of knowledge represented by the University's core courses taken by all students. This will prove valuable in your future career development and daily life as a citizen of your community. You'll learn the fundamentals of the economic system, both as it functions at the national level and within the corporation. You will also learn the principles of accounting, managerial finance and statistics. You will develop your knowledge in computer science, in college algebra and in finite mathematics or pre-calculus, along with knowledge in ethics and each of the related social sciences: sociology, political science and psychology.

To complete your major, you will develop additional skills in upper-level business courses such as marketing, managerial finance and management. To achieve the finance major you will cultivate finance-related skills through courses in investments, money and banking, international finance and advanced managerial finance. Elective courses include: derivatives, risk management, fixed income, business and economic forecasting, as well as courses in using the analytics of the Bloomberg system.

Recommended Program

Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance

FRESHMAN

Writing Colloquium	3
Finite Mathematics or College Algebra	3
Artistic and Creative (QCA) course	3
Accounting I	3
Life Scientific (QLS) or Physical Scientific (QPS) course	3
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Basic Speech	3
Research Writing	3
Principles of Microeconomics	3
Accounting II	3
Computational, Mathematical and Analytical (QCM)	3
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JUNIOR

Money and Financial Markets	3
Investments	3
Life Scientific (QLS) or Physical Scientific (QPS) course	3
Literary and Rhetorical (QLR) course	3
Elective	3
	15
Human Dignity and the Common Good (IDS 301)	3
Specialization elective	3
Electives	6
Ethics*	3
	15

SOPHOMORE

Management 300	3
Business Statistics I	3
Computer Science (CMSC 180 and 184 or higher)	3
Social Scientific II: Political, Global and Economic Systems (QPE)	3
Catholic and Benedictine Intellectual Traditions (IDS 201)	3
	15
Managerial Finance	3
Marketing 300	3
Business Statistics II or BALT 301	3
Elective	3
Historical (QHT) course	3
	15

SENIOR

Electives	6
Theological/Religions (QRT) or Philosophical (QPL) course**	3
Specialization electives	6
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Specialization elective	3
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Social Scientific I: Individuals, Organizations and Societies (QIO) course	3
Advanced Managerial Finance	3
	15

*The ethics requirement can be satisfied by PHIL 245 (QPL) or MGT/THEO 252 (QRT).

**If PHIL 245 is completed, a QRT course must also be completed. If MGT/THEO 252 is completed, a QPL course must also be completed.

Internship M.B.A. and Master of Science (M.S.) in Accountancy 4+1 Programs.

Earn a graduate degree in approximately one year after earning your undergraduate degree with the Internship Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) or Master of Science (M.S.) in Accountancy programs. These programs were developed specifically for students who wish to earn an M.B.A. degree or M.S. degree in Accountancy immediately following an undergraduate degree. The Internship M.B.A. program provides a faculty advisor who guides students in locating internships. Acceptance into either program is determined individually for each student based on transcript grades. Course waivers or substitutions are not guaranteed. Typically, two years of work experience is required for the Internship M.B.A. with consideration of part-time employment given.

Concentrations

What are concentrations? Concentrations are specific groupings of courses designed to develop a career focus within an undergraduate major. These bundles of courses allow students to focus their studies and actively prepare for a career in a specialized field. Certain courses in the concentration may fulfill major specialization requirements in several majors.

Business Analytics

Twelve semester credit hours consisting of: BALT 320 Data and Text Mining, BALT 340 Web Intelligence and Analytics, BALT 310 Visualization Techniques and Dashboarding and BALT 330 Database Structures and Queries.

Managing Human Resources

Twelve semester credit hours consisting of three required courses: MGT 330 Human Resource Management, MGT 334 Training and Development, and MGT 335 Compensation and Performance Management; and one of the following courses: MGT 235 Business Law I, MGT/PSYC 320 Organizational Behavior or MGT/INTB 302 International Management.

Integrated Marketing Communications (IMC)

Thirteen semester credit hours consisting of: MKTG 330 Promotional Strategy, MKTG 331 Internet Marketing Communications, MKTG 332 Web 2.0 Tools in Business, MKTG 333 Personal Selling and Sales Management, and COMM 208 Layout and Design. MKTG 297 Internship is strongly recommended as elective coursework to supplement the concentration.

Operations Management

Twelve semester credit hours consisting of: MGT 333 Operations Management, BALT 350 Business Process Management, INTB 340 Global Logistics and MGT 235 Business Law I.

Personal Financial Planning

Twelve semester credit hours consisting of three required courses: FINA 220 Personal Financial Planning, ACCT 312 Federal Taxation and FINA 320 Investments; and either MGT 235 Business Law I or ACCT 120 VITA Volunteer Income Tax Accounting plus FINA 120 Financial Literacy. FINA 297 Internship is strongly recommended as elective coursework to supplement the concentration.

Sports Management

Twelve semester credit hours consisting of two required courses: MGT 305 Introduction to Sports Culture in America and MKTG 305 Sports Marketing; and two of the following courses: MGT 235 Business Law, MGT 297 Internship and MGT 301 Entrepreneurship.

Sports Marketing

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