

What you can do with your Finance major



As a Finance major, you will study how to improve business efficiency via financial planning, investing, problem-solving, and budgeting; essential technical skills will involve mathematics, statistics, data analytics and Excel. When it comes to careers in finance, there are a myriad of engaging and lucrative options that only increase as you gain more education and on-the-job experience. The primary areas of employment for finance professionals are corporate finance, investment banking, commercial banking, asset and risk management, real estate, personal financial planning and insurance.

According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), jobs in business and finance can expect to grow about 7% from 2021 to 2031, slightly slower than the average for all occupations, due to the continuous changes in the international financial landscape. Globalization, a dynamic economy, and a complex regulatory environment will lead to strong demand for financial managers. Careful career planning is essential as recruiting can have a long lead time and some positions may require regulatory exams.

Essential Skills & Characteristics to develop and highlight



Passion for solving problems



Mathematical and Deductive Reasoning



Attention to detail and organization



Written and Oral Communications



Personal Management



Data analysis



Digital Literacy



Teamwork

How To Get Started

- [Assess your personal strengths & preferences](#)
- [Research opportunities](#): online/in-person
- [Expand your network](#), finance, technical skills, and improve your personal brand
- [Get an internship/relevant work experience](#)
- [Join a professional finance organization](#)
- [Connect with professionals](#) through career conversations & job shadowing

Chart Your Path Forward with the [Career Success Center](#)

[Activate Your Handshake Account](#)

for events, coaching appointments and connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking & more! www.wcsu.edu/handshake

[Explore Career Communities](#)

to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your Finance major into success.

[Get Career & Internship Advising](#)

from the Career Success Center to make a plan, whether you're a first-year student or about to graduate

Put your Finance major to **WORK**

Common Alumni Job Titles

- Accounting Clerk
- Auditor
- Budget Analyst
- Financial Analyst
- Loan Officer
- Management Analyst
- Financial Advisor
- Tax Examiner
- Tax Collector
- Revenue Agent

Employers of Finance Majors

- IBM
- Wells Fargo
- WCSU
- GE Capital
- PepsiCo
- Cartus
- Boehringer Ingelheim
- Cigna
- Bank of America
- M&T Bank

Recent Finance Alumni

Employment Sector

- 19 % Professional, Scientific, and Tech Services
- 13 % Finance and Insurance
- 11 % Retail Trade
- 9 % Manufacturing
- 9 % Management of Companies and Enterprises
- 7 % Administrative Support
- 6 % Wholesale Trade
- 5 % Accommodations and Food Services

Live & Work

- 80 % Connecticut
- 15 % Middle Atlantic
- 2 % South Atlantic
- 1 % New England
- 1 % Pacific



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"The financial services industry is a very rewarding industry. It is fast paced, exciting, and filled with opportunities."

Informational & Job Websites

<https://wcsu.joinhandshake.com/login>

<https://www.stcusa.com/referral/westconn/>

http://www.careerbank.com/home/index.cfm?site_id=8162

<http://www.efinancialcareers.com/>

<http://www.allbusinessschools.com/finance/salary/>

<http://www.aafa.com/>

<http://www.fma.org/>

<https://www.rmahq.org/>

<https://www.cfainstitute.org/en/programs/cfa/charterholder-careers/roles>

<http://www.aafa.com/>

<https://www.garp.org/#!/home>

<https://www.aciia.org/>

<https://www.afponline.org/>

<https://www.cfp.net/>

Career Communities for Finance Majors

The Career Success Center has seven Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where Finance majors can start.

Not inspired by these options? Visit our website at www.wcsu.edu/careersuccess/career-communities/ to view more.

- [Financial, Business and Consulting Services](#)
- [Government, Public Policy, Law and Non-Profit](#)
- [Media, Arts, Marketing, & Entertainment](#)