Bachelor of Science in Finance

The finance major emphasizes analytic, problem solving, and computer skills which are necessary for finance and investment industry. The major prepares students for careers in corporate finance, investment and portfolio management, banking, public finance, and international finance. The major also prepares students who want to pursue graduate study in finance. Depending on their interests, graduates may then seek financial services credentials such as Certified Financial Planner (CFP) and Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA).

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Harrisburg will be prepared to pursue
graduate education in finance or business.
Students may then be prepared to seek
financial services credentials such as
Certified Financial Planner (CFP) and
Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA).



Courses

For a B.S. degree in Finance, a minimum of 120 credits is required. At least 50 percent of the business credit hours required for the degree must be taken at Penn State Harrisburg. No more than 60 credits should be from business and business-related courses.

In addition to <u>General Education requirements</u> (45 credits), this major requires the following:

FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR:

(Included in ELECTIVES or GENERAL EDUCATION course selection)

UNITED STATES CULTURES AND INTERNATIONAL CULTURES:

(Included in ELECTIVES or GENERAL EDUCATION course selection)

WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM:

(Included in REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)

ELECTIVES: Select 8 credits of non-business courses.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR: 79 credits

(This includes 12 credits of General Education Courses: 3 credits of GWS courses; 3 credits of GS courses; 6 credits of GQ courses)

PRESCRIBED COURSES (49 credits)

ACCTG 211(4); ECON 102 GS(3), ENGL 202D GWS(3), FIN 301(3), MGMT 301(3), MKTG 301(3) (Sem: 1-4)

ECON 104 GS(3), ECON 351(3), FIN 302(3), MIS 204(3), MIS 390(3) (Sem: 5-6)

B A 364Y US;IL(3), FIN 420(3), SCM 301(3) (Sem: 6-7) B A 462(3), FIN 475(3) (Sem: 8)

ADDITIONAL COURSES (21 credits)

Select 4 credits from MATH 110 GQ(4) or MATH 140 GQ(4) (Sem: 1-4) Select 4 credits from SCM 200 GQ(4) or STAT 200 GQ(4) (Sem: 1-4) Select 4 credits from B A 243(4) or B A 241(2) and B A 242(2) (Sem: 5-6)

Select 9 credits from the following: ACCTG 481(3), FIN 305(3), FIN 306W(3), FIN 407(3), FIN 408(3), FIN 409(3), FIN 413(3), FIN 427(3) FIN 456 IL(3), FIN 461(3), FIN 489(3), FIN 496(3), or other finance courses approved by the Program (Sem: 6-8)

(For students considering CFA exam, FIN 407, FIN 427 and FIN 461 are recommended.)

SUPPORTING COURSES AND RELATED AREAS (9 credits)

Select 9 credits from 200-400 level business courses from: ACCTG, B A, ECON, FIN, MGMT, MIS, MKTG, or SCM in consultation with an academic adviser and in support of the student's interests. (Sem: 5-8)

Undergraduate Admissions Requirements

Minimum high school course requirements for admission to baccalaureate (four-year) degree programs are listed below. Keep in mind that specific programs may have additional requirements or recommendations.

English

Four units, including one unit each in composition and literature, are required.

Social Studies/Art/Humanities

Three units in any combination of social studies, arts, and humanities are required.

World Language

Two units in a single world language other than English are required. However, a student may be admitted with fewer than two units in a world language other than English, but must correct this deficiency by the time s/he earns 60 credits or graduates from Penn State, whichever comes first. This deficiency may be corrected by passing one three- or four-credit college level world language course or by demonstrating proficiency equivalent to two units of high school world language study.

Either a third unit in the same language or an additional unit in a second world language other than English is recommended.

Science

Three units of science are required
Preparation in chemistry and physics is recommended but
not required for our Science and Engineering/Engineering
Technology programs

Math

Three units of mathematics are required (four are recommended), selected from any combination of algebra, geometry, and trigonometry

Some programs have additional mathematics requirements. Our Business, Engineering/Engineering Technology, and Science programs require one-half unit of trigonometry or higher level math within the required three units

Penn State requires proof of graduation or a GED for admission to four-year degree programs.

*In most high school curricula, one unit = one year.

Visit Undergraduate Admissions: Admissions Requirements for more information (http://goo.gl/eVGAMB)