



The Finance Major

at the Darla Moore School of Business

Finance is a good fit for students who:

- Are comfortable working with numbers
- Enjoy analyzing data for making high-stakes decisions under uncertainty
- Desire a fast-paced career with significant opportunities for success

Potential career pathways include:

- Accountants and auditors (including forensic)
- Bank examiners
- Business managers (C-suite and others)
- Commodities brokers
- Credit analysts
- Financial institution officers and managers
- Financial planners
- Financial services brokers
- Investment professionals

A degree in finance prepares students for careers in three interrelated areas: commercial and investment banking, corporate finance, and asset management. Companies that have hired Moore School finance majors in recent years include **Bank of America, Citigroup, Fidelity Investments, First Citizens Bank, Merrill Lynch, PricewaterhouseCoopers** and **Wells Fargo**.

According to a recent USC Career Center survey, the average starting salary for Moore School finance graduates is **\$53,297**.

Major Requirements:

Students pursuing a finance degree must complete 15 hours, including:

- **FINA 365:** Corporate Financial Analysis
- **FINA 469:** Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management
- **FINA 470:** Financial Statement Analysis
- Two additional finance courses, selected from:
 - **FINA 341:** Management of Risk and Insurance
 - **FINA 444:** Corporate Risk Management

FINA 463: Case Studies in Corporate Finance

FINA 465: Commercial Bank Practice and Policy

FINA 466: Real Estate Investment Fundamentals

FINA 471: Derivative Securities

FINA 475: Fixed Income Securities

IBUS 401: International Financial Management

Students also select a minor or an area of directed study for an additional 18 hours.

Note that these are the 2017-18 major requirements and are subject to change as the school regularly updates its curriculum in response to the evolving needs of the business community.

Finance Business Analytics Concentration

Students may add the finance business analytics concentration to their degree. This concentration requires four additional analytics courses, which are specified by the finance department.



The Department of Finance at the Moore School is known for its outstanding faculty whose interests range from bank management, corporate restructuring, investment management and fixed income strategies, to risk management and real estate finance.

Finance Beyond the Classroom

Extracurricular areas to enhance your finance degree include:

- **Community Service** — Moneythink, CFIA, Gamma Iota Sigma, Alpha Kappa Psi, Net Impact
- **Diversity and Social Advocacy** — Moneythink, Diversity and Inclusion Council, Women in Business Council
- **Global Learning** — Some finance courses (FINA 341, IBUS 401) include international components in the curriculum
- **Peer Leadership** — CFIA, Gamma Iota Sigma, Moore School Student Ambassadors, Beta Gamma Sigma business honor fraternity
- **Professional Practice** — CFIA, Gamma Iota Sigma, Entrepreneurship Club, Alpha Kappa Psi
- **Research** — Some finance courses (FINA 365, FINA 470) include research components in the curriculum

Work in many of these extracurricular areas can contribute to one or more of the paths to Graduation with Leadership Distinction. Find out more at http://sc.edu/about/initiatives/usc_connect

Finance Scholars Program

The Darla Moore School of Business is committed to building a solid road map to high-end finance for its best undergraduate finance students. The Carolina Finance Scholars program's mission is to:

- Improve the quality, placement and trajectory of top finance undergraduate students
- Enhance their practical, analytical and technical skill sets
- Provide them direct exposure to well-placed industry professionals, particularly alumni

Through advanced and specialized course work, data source instruction, live case studies with industry partners, career management training, internships and alumni networking, the Finance Scholars program will prepare its undergraduate participants for a career in high-end finance. Application is competitive and takes place at the end of sophomore year. Students must have taken FINA 363 to apply.

Finance Spotlight: Carolina Finance and Investment Association

The Carolina Finance and Investment Association (CFIA) is a student-driven organization that works in conjunction with faculty and alumni to provide the resources necessary for students to achieve their goals of working in top financial positions. CFIA features regular guest speakers, trips, educational seminars, resume workshops, interview training, trading competitions, community outreach, social events and a mock fund. It's a great way for students interested in finance to accelerate and deepen their understanding of the financial world.

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