WHAT DEGREES AND PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED?

We offer:
Bachelor of Science in Finance
  Emphasis:
  • General Finance
  • Financial Planning
  • Analytic Finance
Minor in Financial Planning
Certificate in Business Analytics
Certificate in Financial Planning

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

With a BS in Finance career opportunities range from helping manage the money of a large corporation, to developing financial plans to help individuals reach their goals.

Entry level job opportunities include:
  • Financial analysts
  • Credit analysts
  • Personal financial planners
  • Business analysts.

Entry level salaries for finance careers range between $35,000 to $60,000.

There are many finance careers opportunities that can take you in all kinds of directions. Companies that often hire our students include:
  • Wells Fargo
  • United Prairie
  • FDIC
  • United Healthcare
  • IBM
  • Federated Insurance

EXAMINING THE QUALITY OF OUR PROGRAM

Accreditation
We are accredited by the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). This is the premiere standard for colleges of business. Less than five percent of the world’s business schools have earned this hallmark of excellence. Additionally, the Department of Finance curriculum has secured accreditation from the Certified Financial Planning Board in Denver, Colorado.

Faculty
Our faculty combine the skills of top tier research and high quality teaching to provide you insights into the inner workings of complex financial markets. Our eight faculty members have expertise in a wide range of areas from financial markets to personal finance. Of the eight faculty members, seven hold Ph.D. degrees in Finance and one holds a Ph.D. degree in Economics.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Faculty/Student Ratio
1:30
Most 400 level classes have less than 30 students.

Internships
Students are encouraged to gain real-world experience through internships. Our internship office helps students search, secure and prepare for internships. Each year, over 100 College of Business students earn academic credit for their internships, and most opportunities are paid. Contact: Samantha Campa, cobinterships@mnsu.edu, 507-389-2963. Or visit: cob.mnsu.edu/internships.

Scholarships
The College of Business offers more than $250,000 in scholarships each year to deserving business students. Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis and applications are accepted each spring. Contact: College of Business Student Center, ccbadvise@mnsu.edu, 507-389-2963. Or visit: mnsu.edu/scholarshipfinder.

Organizations
Students are strongly encouraged to join a student business organization to further their college experience. The Finance Club allows students to meet and listen to representatives from companies who are actively recruiting for interns and full-time positions. Contact: Dr. Rajib Chowdhury, Finance Faculty, rajib.chowdhury@mnsu.edu.

The Financial Planning Club. Contact: Dan Hiebert, Finance Faculty, daniel.hiebert@mnsu.edu, 507-389-5406. Or visit: mnsu.edu/activities/rso.

BAM, Business Analytics and Modelers student organization promotes career opportunities in business analytics through training, industry speakers, and networking. Contact: Dr. Ishuan Li, ishuan.li@mnsu.edu
### UNIQUE PROGRAMS

**Big Ideas Challenge**  
The Big Ideas Challenge is a new venture competition that encourages and celebrates students’ innovative business ideas. The competition is open to any Minnesota State Mankato student or alumnus within two years of graduating. Individual and team entries are welcome. This new venture competition gives students the opportunity to compete for money to fund their business. Contact: cie@mnsu.edu Or visit: cob.mnsu.edu/bic

**United Prairie Bank Integrated Business Experience (IBE)**  
The IBE is a cutting-edge experience that integrates three of your required business classes (MGMT 230, MKRT 210, FINA 362) along with a 3-credit IBE Practicum (BUS 397) to create and run your own business. The students in your IBE class will not only be in all of your classes during this semester, but they’ll also form your student company. Guided by a former IBE student as your company advisor, your company will create a business plan, apply for a real bank loan, sell your product, pay back the loan and donate your profits to charity. The IBE program is your chance to take on the business world before you even graduate. Contact: Dr. Kristin Scott, Marketing Faculty, kristin.scott@mnsu.edu, 507-389-2324. Or visit: cob.mnsu.edu/ibe.

**Maverick Student Investment Fund**  
The Maverick Student Investment Fund is designed to give you a hands-on Finance experience by allowing you to help decide how to allocate a $650,000 investment portfolio. You will learn first-hand how to do finance and you will develop the professional skills necessary to succeed in any area of Finance.

**Wall Street Journal Program**  
Students in the college receive full access to the Wall Street Journal through an academic partnership program. All students enrolled in a College of Business course (100-499 levels) have access to print and digital material from WSJ and these resources are used throughout the curriculum in the college. The College of Business has been integrating WSJ into classrooms since 2004, and it is the only business school in Minnesota to offer this valuable resource.

### National/International Competitions

The Department of Finance prepares and sends its students for competitions in Business Analytics and Financial Planning. These competitions build your confidence and your résumé.

### Technology in the College

The College of Business has an Enhanced Technology Program which supports students by providing access to cutting edge technology services and opportunities.

We use technology such as simulations and avatars as well as common business applications. We also utilize collaboration technologies for students to work in teams no matter the time and place.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

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**Website**  
cob.mnsu.edu/academics/finance

### SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR CURRICULUM (GENERAL FINANCE, BS)

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For additional information about course requirements, please visit https://mankato.mnsu.edu/academics/academic-catalog/