

FINANCE, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (BSBA)



This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2025-Spring 2026 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Finance

Unit: Business (BU) (<https://business.louisville.edu/>)

Department: Finance (<https://business.louisville.edu/finance/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): FIN_BSB

Program Information

The objective of the Finance major program is to provide our students with a competitive edge in their professional financial and managerial careers. Our majors are prepared, upon graduation to apply critical thinking and problem solving skills, either individually or in teams, in order to creatively and ethically solve problems in a global marketplace.

Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ¹	31
	(6 hours of General Education requirements may be satisfied through coursework required by the degree program)	
	College/School Requirements ^{1,2}	53
	Program/Major Requirements	27
	Supporting Courses	15
	Minimum Total Hours	120

¹ To complete the degree in the **minimum number of hours** listed, some hours from the General Education Requirements must be satisfied by courses defined by the unit and/or program. Using other courses to satisfy General Education requirements will require additional hours to complete the degree requirements. See the Degree Requirements tab for specific coursework.

² College/School Requirements include 6 hours of courses that also cover General Education requirements. See the Degree Requirements tab for details.

Specific coursework information can be found on the Degree Requirements tab.

Departmental Admission Requirements New Students and Transfer Students

Admission to the College of Business (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/admission/college-business/>) ensures admission to the BSB in Finance.

Current Students - Admission in Good Standing

1. Students who are currently enrolled in the College of Business as a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration or Business Economics major are permitted to change to a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Finance as long as they are in good academic standing; and
2. The student has completed MATH 111 College Algebra - QR (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>) (or equivalent) or MATH 180 Elements of Calculus - QR (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>)

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ¹	31

The following courses are required by the program and can satisfy the respective General Education Requirement:

MATH 180	Elements of Calculus - QR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
	or MATH 205 Calculus I - QR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
ECON 201	Principles of Microeconomics - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
	or ECON 202 Principles of Macroeconomics - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)

All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Some General Education requirements may be met in the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

College/School Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
College of Business Requirements		
CAMP 100	Campus Culture/Business Students	1
MATH 180	Elements of Calculus - QR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ^{2,3,4}	3
	or MATH 205 Calculus I - QR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
	Select one of the following Ethics courses:	3

PHIL 222	Contemporary Moral Problems - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
PHIL 225	Business Ethics	
PHIL 321	Ethics	
PHIL 323	Medical Ethics	
BUS 301	Business Communication	3
BUS 201	Career Development	1
ACCT 201 & ACCT 202	Principles of Financial Accounting Principles of Managerial Accounting	6
ECON 201 & ECON 202	Principles of Microeconomics - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) Principles of Macroeconomics - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ²	6
BSTA 201	Business Statistics ⁵	3
CIS 205	Information Systems in Organizations	3
General Electives		6
Business Breadth		
FIN 301	Corporate Finance	3
MKT 301	Principles of Marketing	3
MGMT 301	Management and Organizational Behavior	3
CLAW 301	Legal Environment of Business	3
CIS 305	Data Analysis for Decision-Making	3
MGMT 401	Operations Management	3
Minimum Total Hours		53

Total of 53 includes 3 credit hours of ECON and 3 credit hours of MATH that are also counted in the 31 General Education hours above.

Program/Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Finance Depth		
FIN 305	Intermediate Accounting I	3
FIN 304	Intermediate Corporate Finance	3
FIN 370	International Finance	3
FIN 401	Investments	3
FIN 403	Financial Derivatives	3
FIN 433	Financial Markets and Institutions	3
FIN 475	Capstone Seminar in Finance - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
FIN Electives ⁶		6
Minimum Total Hours		27
Supporting Courses		
General Electives		15

Transfer students must take a minimum of 12 credit hours in their major within the College of Business.

Six hours of US and global perspectives courses are required and may be incorporated within the degree program.

All course prerequisites must be followed.

Code	Title	Hours
Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)		
Requirement fulfilled by completing:		
FIN 475	Capstone Seminar in Finance - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
¹ College/School Requirements include six hours of the General Education (3 hours Quantitative Reasoning and 3 hours Social & Behavioral Sciences). A course satisfying the General Education Oral Communication requirement (COMM 111, COMM 112 or HON 214) is a prerequisite for BUS 301, but not included in the degree requirements. Students who select PHIL 222 to satisfy the Ethics requirement will also satisfy 3 hours of the Arts & Humanities requirement, which may require additional electives to complete the degree.		
² Completes General Education requirements.		
³ For students with strong high school mathematics backgrounds, and for students who intend to pursue graduate work in finance, MATH 205 and MATH 206 is recommended. MATH 206 may be taken as a General Elective.		
⁴ If MATH 205/MATH 206 is taken, there will be 4-8 total hours of math, reducing the General Elective hours required to complete the degree.		
⁵ Students entering College of Business as inter-unit transfers or transfers from another university having completed another statistics course may sit for an equivalency statistics examination to get credit for that course.		
⁶ Co-operative Education is an elective curriculum option for up to six (6) hours of credit. Three hours of Co-op credit may count as a finance elective. If a student takes a second 3-hour Co-op class, then it would count as a General Elective. Pass/Fail credit is given for approved COB co-op work experiences. Participation in the COB Co-op program is encouraged to strengthen the BSBA degree with professional experience and to enhance a student's resume.		
Flight Plan		
Year 1		
Fall		Hours
CAMP 100	Campus Culture/Business Students	1
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
MATH 180 or MATH 205	Elements of Calculus - QR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) or Calculus I - QR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3-4
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Science - S		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Science Lab - SL		1
Hours		14
Spring		
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing - WC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
ACCT 201	Principles of Financial Accounting	3
ECON 201	Principles of Microeconomics - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC		3

General Elective		3
Hours		15
Year 2		
Fall		
ACCT 202	Principles of Managerial Accounting	3
CIS 205	Information Systems in Organizations	3
BUS 201	Career Development	1
HIST 101 or HIST 102	History of Civilizations I - SBH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) or History of Civilizations II - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SBH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
CIS 305	Data Analysis for Decision-Making	3
Select one of the following:		
BSTA 201	Business Statistics	
MATH 109	Elementary Statistics - QR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
SOC 301	Introduction to Social Statistics	
PSYC 301	Introduction to Social Statistics	
Hours		16
Spring		
FIN 301	Corporate Finance	3
MKT 301	Principles of Marketing	3
MGMT 301	Management and Organizational Behavior	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities US Perspectives - AHP1		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
Hours		15
Year 3		
Fall		
FIN 305	Intermediate Accounting I	3
CLAW 301	Legal Environment of Business	3
FIN 304	Intermediate Corporate Finance	3
Select one of the following:		
PHIL 222	Contemporary Moral Problems - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
PHIL 225	Business Ethics	
PHIL 321	Ethics	
PHIL 323	Medical Ethics	
General Elective		3
Hours		15
Spring		
BUS 301	Business Communication	3
FIN 370	International Finance	3
FIN 403 or FIN 401	Financial Derivatives or Investments	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH		3
General Elective (300 level or above)		3
Hours		15
Year 4		
Fall		
FIN 401 or FIN 403	Investments or Financial Derivatives	3
FIN 433	Financial Markets and Institutions	3
MGMT 401	Operations Management	3
Finance Elective		3
General Elective (300 level or above)		3
Hours		15

Spring

FIN 475	Capstone Seminar in Finance - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Finance Elective		3
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
Hours		15
Minimum Total Hours		120

The Flight Plan outlined above is intended to demonstrate one possible path to completing the degree within four years. Course selection and placement within the program may vary depending on course offerings and schedule, elective preferences, and other factors (study abroad, internship availability, etc.). Please consult your advisor for additional information about building a flight plan that works for you.

Degree Audit Report

Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan, and which requirements are still outstanding. Degree audits also take transfer credits and test credits into account. "What-if" reports allow you to compare the courses you have completed in your current academic plan to the courses required in another academic plan. Should you have questions about either report, please consult with your academic advisor.

Flight Planner

The Flight Planner tool is available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan to graduation. Advisors have access to review your Flight Planner and can help you adjust it to ensure you remain on track to graduate in a timely manner.

To create these reports:

1. Log into your ULink account.
2. Click on the Academic Progress tile.
3. Select the appropriate report.
 - a. To run a Degree Audit report, click on "View my Degree Audit."
 - b. To create a What-if report, click on "What-if Advisement Report."
 - c. To run a Flight Planner report, click on "Use My Flight Planner."

Click here to run a Degree Audit report, create a What-if report, or run a Flight Planner report. (<https://ulink.louisville.edu>)