

FINANCE HONORS (BSB)

The honors program in finance is reserved for students of high promise and exceptional ability. Students admitted to this program are characterized by outstanding academic performance, exceptional leadership capability, high aptitude for superior academic work and exceptional ability for making meaningful contributions during a professional career.

Honors students in finance proceed through the program together in a cohort system with peers who have similar exceptional abilities. Courses reserved for honors students are advanced in nature, student-oriented, and small. Students in the program are afforded the opportunity to interact with leaders from finance and business communities in small settings.

Program Requirements	Quarter Hours
Business Core Requirements	60
Liberal Studies Requirements	72
Major Requirements	34
Open Electives	26
Total hours required	192

Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Use analytical and reflective skills in decision making.
- Communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
- Recognize legal and ethical issues confronting them.
- Contribute to the performance of a group within a business setting.
- Know the differences among global economies, institutions, business practices and cultures.
- Acquire knowledge of the functional areas of business and the interrelationships among the functional areas within a business.
- Understand financial theory and how it can be applied to financial decision making.\\n Develop appropriate cash flows and discount rate analysis of projects, and financial instruments (e.g. bonds and stocks).\\n Apply and interpret the appropriate risk measures (e.g. beta, standard deviation) to situations under uncertainty.\\n Understand the role of agents and impact of governance.
- Understand the structure of the financial markets and the roles of institutions in those markets.\\n Understand the flow of funds in the private and public markets.\\n Know the determinants of the cost of funds.\\n Understand how derivative instruments work and can be used for risk management.
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College Core Requirements

Business Core Requirements

All undergraduate students in the Driehaus College of Business complete foundational courses in the areas of accountancy, economics, finance, management, and marketing. The core curriculum also includes courses that emphasize the increasingly quantitative and technological nature of business, the importance of the entrepreneurial mindset, and how students can use their business education to address important social challenges.

Course Requirements

For a student to complete the Bachelor of Science in Business, the following Business Core courses totaling at least 60.0 hours are required:

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
Business Core Courses		
ACC 101	INTRODUCTION TO ACCOUNTING I ¹	4
ACC 102	INTRODUCTION TO ACCOUNTING II ¹	4
BUS 101	INTRODUCTION TO DRIEHAUS: BUSINESS FUNDAMENTALS AND THE ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDSET	4
BUS 102	BUSINESS ANALYTICS	4
BUS 103	BUSINESS FOR SOCIAL GOOD	4
ECO 105	PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS	4
ECO 106	PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS	4
FIN 310	INTRODUCTION TO FINANCE	4
MAT 137	BUSINESS STATISTICS	4
MGT 300	PRINCIPLES OF MANAGEMENT	4
MGT 301	PRINCIPLES OF OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT	4
MKT 301	PRINCIPLES OF MARKETING	4
Business Technology ²		
Select one of the following:		4
BUS 202	BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY	
CSC 241	INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER SCIENCE I	
MIS 360	SYSTEMS ANALYSIS AND DESIGN	
Business Communication ³		
Select one of the following:		4
MKT 276	EFFECTIVE BUSINESS COMMUNICATION	
CMNS 201	BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION	
Global Business Perspective ⁴		
Select one of the following:		4
ECO 316	EUROPEAN ECONOMIC HISTORY	
ECO 330	RADICAL RESPONSES TO CAPITALISM	
ECO 333	TOPICS IN GLOBAL ECONOMIES	
ECO 334	UNDERSTANDING CHINA'S ECONOMY	
ECO 360	ECONOMICS OF LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES	
ECO 361	INTERNATIONAL TRADE	
ECO 362	INTERNATIONAL MONETARY ECONOMICS	
ECO 363	ECONOMICS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION	
FIN 340	INTERNATIONAL FINANCE	
FIN 355	GLOBAL IPOs & VENTURE CAPITAL	

IB 350	INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SEMINAR
MGT 354	GLOBAL HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
MGT 357	INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
MKT 340	MARKETING ACROSS CULTURES: A CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE ON MULTICULTURAL MARKETS
MKT 358	MARKETING IN A GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT
MKT 360	INTERNATIONAL MARKETING
SOC 217	WORK IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD

A course taken as part of a term-long study abroad program

¹ Strobel students take specially designated sections of all required ACC classes, including ACC 101 and ACC 102 (excluding ACC 250, ACC 300, ACC 301).

² Actuarial Science and Economic Data Analytics majors must take CSC 241.

MIS majors must take MIS 360.

³ MKT majors and Sales minors must take MKT 276.

⁴ A course taken for Global Business Perspective that is in a student's major or minor field must be completed with a minimum grade of C-.

Business Core Timeline

- BUS 101, BUS 102 and BUS 103 are intended to be completed by students during their first year of enrollment in the college.
- Business core requirements may be prerequisites to other courses.
- Planning is essential to a student's graduation timeline.
- Academic advisors work with students to co-create customized degree completion plans and assist with balancing course load.

Business Ethics

All undergraduate students in the Driehaus College of Business complete a course in Business Ethics. It is recommended students take MGT 248 or PHL 248 in Philosophical Inquiry or MGT 228 or REL 228 in Religious Dimensions in the Liberal Studies Program (or University Honors Program) Requirements.

Second Majors and Minors

The addition of a second major or minor may affect the Business Core classes required for a student. Meet with an academic advisor to confirm requirements.

Business Technology requirement for all business majors (except Management Information Systems majors)

- Business Technology requirement may be replaced by CSC 243.

Math requirement for all business majors (except Actuarial Science majors)

- MAT 137 may be replaced by MAT 348 or MAT 351.

Global Business Perspective

If a FIN course is shared between Global Business Perspective and the Finance major, additional hours of Open Elective credit are required.

Grade Minimum Requirements for Finance Major

A minimum grade of B+ is required in FIN 310. A minimum grade of C- is required for the following: ACC 101, ACC 102, BUS 101, BUS 102, BUS 103, BUS 202, ECO 105, ECO 106, MAT 137, and any FIN course used for Global Business Perspective.

Liberal Studies Requirements

Honors program requirements can be found in the individual Colleges & Schools section of the University Catalog. Select the appropriate college or school, followed by Undergraduate Academics and scroll down.

First Year Program		Hours
Chicago Quarter		
LSP 110	DISCOVER CHICAGO	4
or LSP 111	or EXPLORE CHICAGO	
Focal Point		
LSP 112	FOCAL POINT SEMINAR	4
Writing		
WRD 103	COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC I ¹	4
WRD 104	COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC II ¹	4
Quantitative Reasoning		
Not Required		
Sophomore Year		
Race, Power, and Resistance		
LSP 200	SEMINAR ON RACE, POWER, AND RESISTANCE	4
Junior Year		
Experiential Learning		
Required		4
Senior Year		
Capstone		
BUS 392	SENIOR SEMINAR ¹	4

¹ Students must earn a C- or better in this course.

Learning Domains

Arts and Literature (AL) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/arts-and-literature/>)

- 3 AL Courses Required

Historical Inquiry (HI) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/historical-inquiry/>)

- 2 HI Courses Required

Math and Computing (MC) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/math-and-computing/>)

- Not Required

Philosophical Inquiry (PI) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/philosophical-inquiry/>)

- 2 PI Courses Required¹

Religious Dimensions (RD) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/religious-dimensions/>)

- 2 RD Courses Required¹

Scientific Inquiry (SI) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/scientific-inquiry/>)

- 1 Lab Course Required

Social, Cultural, and Behavioral Inquiry (SCBI) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/social-cultural-and-behavioral-inquiry/>)

- 1 SCBI Course Required

¹ PHL 248 / MGT 248 is required in PI or REL 228 / MGT 228 is required in RD.

Notes

Specified required courses within Liberal Studies may have grade minimums (e.g. C- or better). Please consult your advisor or your college and major requirements.

Courses offered in the student's primary major cannot be taken to fulfill LSP Domain requirements. If students double major, LSP Domain courses may double count for both LSP credit and the second major. Students who choose to take an experiential learning course offered by the major may count it either as a general elective or the Experiential Learning requirement.

In meeting learning domain requirements, no more than one course that is outside the student's major and is cross-listed with a course within the student's major, can be applied to count for LSP domain credit. This policy does not apply to those who are pursuing a double major or earning BFA or BM degrees.

Major Requirements

Course Requirements

In addition to FIN 310, a student majoring in Finance Honors is required to complete the following courses totaling at least 34.0 hours:

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
One Required Course (not taken as Honors Section)		
ACC 304	FINANCIAL REPORTING I	4
Seven Required Courses (must be taken as Honors sections)		
FIN 311	CORPORATE FINANCE	4
FIN 315	DATA ANALYTICS IN FINANCE	4
FIN 330	INVESTMENTS: THEORY & PRACTICE	4
FIN 333	FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ANALYSIS	4
FIN 380	CASES IN FINANCIAL DECISION MAKING	4
FIN 396	HONORS SEMINAR	2
FIN 397	HONORS SEMINAR CONTINUATION	0
Select two Finance electives to be chosen from the following. A maximum of one may be a non-FIN course:		
DSC 341	FOUNDATIONS OF DATA SCIENCE	
ECO 305	INTERMEDIATE MICROECONOMICS	
ECO 306	INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMICS	

FIN 313	INVESTMENT BANKING
FIN 320	MONEY AND BANKING
FIN 323	COMMERCIAL BANKING
FIN 324	BANKING & CREDIT ANALYSIS
FIN 335	PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT
FIN 336	EQUITY RESEARCH
FIN 340	INTERNATIONAL FINANCE
FIN 350	REAL ESTATE ANALYSIS ¹
FIN 355	GLOBAL IPOs & VENTURE CAPITAL
FIN 362	ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT
FIN 363	DERIVATIVES: PRICING & APPLICATIONS
FIN 365	PRINCIPLES OF RISK & INSURANCE
FIN 366	FINANCIAL MODELING
FIN 381	BEHAVIORAL FINANCE
FIN 393	FINANCE INTERNSHIP (see note below)
FIN 395	INVESTMENT SEMINAR
FIN 398	SPECIAL TOPICS (multiple topics may be used)
FIN 399	INDEPENDENT STUDY
IT 211	INTRODUCTION TO APPLIED PROGRAMMING
MAT 341	STATISTICAL METHODS USING SAS
MAT 349	APPLIED PROBABILITY
RE 300	REAL ESTATE LAW
RE 320	URBAN PLANNING AND PUBLIC POLICY
RE 325	PROJECT MANAGEMENT: DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION
RE 350	REAL ESTATE ANALYSIS ¹
RE 352	REAL ESTATE FINANCE
RE 353	REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT
RE 354	REAL ESTATE VALUATION
RE 398	SPECIAL TOPICS
RE 399	INDEPENDENT STUDY

¹ RE 350 and FIN 350 are cross listed and may only be completed once for credit.

The Department of Finance enforces all course prerequisites; exceptions will not be made.

Expectations

A cumulative GPA of 3.000 is required to remain in the program.

Once admitted, students will begin the curriculum in the spring quarter of the current academic year, and will complete the curriculum in the spring quarter of the following year. The honors student cohort will be exposed to rigorous and challenging courses in corporate finance, risk management, financial statement analysis, and financial accounting. Analytical writing and teamwork skills will be emphasized throughout the program.

Open Electives

Open elective credit (26.0 hours) is needed to meet the minimum graduation requirement of 192 hours.

Global Business Perspective

If a FIN course is shared between Global Business Perspective and the Finance Honors major, additional hours of Open Elective credit are required. Any FIN course used toward Global Business Perspective must be passed with C- or higher.

Career Management Course

Finance Honors students must take FIN 396 and are exempt from FIN 250. Finance Honors Students who double major may substitute FIN 396 in place of the career course (250) in the double major.

Experiential Learning

If FIN 393 or FIN 324 is completed in the Finance Honors major consult with academic advisor regarding options for Experiential Learning.

Graduation Requirements

A minimum grade of B+ is required in FIN 310 (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/search/?P=FIN%20310>). All other Finance (FIN) courses and any courses used toward the Finance major must be completed with a minimum grade of C- and with a combined GPA of 2.000 or higher.