Finance

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Mission
The Department of Accounting, Economics, and Finance provides academically rigorous programs in accounting, economics, and finance. We strive to teach sound principles and concepts as well as the analytical tools for applications to practical business problems. Through its scholarly activity, the departmental faculty develops and disseminates knowledge related to accounting, economics and finance theory, pedagogy, and practice.

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Finance careers vary widely in today's complex, global economy. Finance graduates may have careers in banking, investments, corporate finance, and federal contract management. Graduates may find themselves helping investment clients develop and monitor investment portfolios for retirement, managing a bank office, making multi-million dollar loans to corporations, taking a private firm public so its stock can be traded on stock exchanges, or managing the budget of a multi-billion dollar federal project.

• BSBA, Finance (http://catalog.uah.edu/undergrad/colleges-departments/business/finance/finance-bsba/)

The College of Business offers a Finance minor for business students who want additional knowledge in the subject but do not want a Finance major. Students from other colleges are able to complete this minor.

• Finance Minor (http://catalog.uah.edu/undergrad/colleges-departments/business/finance/finance-minor/)

FIN 100 - PERSONAL FINANCIAL PLANNING
Semester Hours: 3
An introduction to the study of personal money management. Topics include budgeting, home ownership, insurance, investing, and retirement planning. Cannot be used by finance majors as an elective in the major.

FIN 230 - FINANCE ACADEMY I
Semester Hour: 1
Designed to enhance the learning experience for students majoring in finance, economics, and accounting. Students get a "jump-start" on learning and applying basic finance knowledge and skills, including Excel spreadsheets. Also includes activities designed to develop "soft skills" such as professionalism, speaking, and working in teams/groups. Students begin to manage an actual investment portfolio.

FIN 301 - PRINCIPLES OF FINANCE
Semester Hours: 3
A study of the basic principles of modern finance: financial statement analysis, time value of money, security valuation, risk and return, capital investment, cost of capital, and international finance. Prerequisites: ECN 143, ACC 210 or ACC 211 and MSC 287, SOC 303, PY 300, MA 385, or ISE 390.

FIN 330 - FINANCE ACADEMY II
Semester Hour: 1
A continuation of FIN 230. Students learn and apply the tools and knowledge to begin analyzing companies for investment, including TVM, ratio analysis, equity investment fundamentals, and more advanced Excel techniques. Emphasis is placed on individual stock analysis and students propose stocks for the Chan Fund. Prerequisite: FIN 230.

FIN 352 - MONEY & BANKING
Semester Hours: 3
Organization, operation, and economic significance of monetary and banking systems. Fractional reserve banking systems, money creation, the Federal Reserve System, U.S. financial intermediaries, introduction to monetary theory and international finance. Prerequisites: ECN 143.

FIN 370 - COMMERCIAL BANK MANAGEMENT
Semester Hours: 3
A study of the financial management of commercial banks emphasizing both current events and principles of sound management. Topics range from measuring bank performance, asset and liability management, risk management, and international banking.
FIN 375 - FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS  
Semester Hours: 3  
Role and activities of financial intermediaries as they affect flow of funds and capital formation money markets in which these institutions operate.

FIN 400 - INVESTMENT PRACTICUM  
Semester Hours: 3  
Students form the UAH Capital Management Group (CMG) and get hands-on experience managing real-money investment portfolios under the instruction and supervision of a finance faculty member. Emphases include stock analysis and investment portfolio construction. Prerequisite: FIN 460.

FIN 412 - FINANCIAL MODELING  
Semester Hours: 3  
An introduction of current practices in financial modeling using Excel. Topics include basic concepts and analytical tools in both corporate finance and investments. This hands-on course provides students with skills to apply theories, concepts, and analytical tools in financial analysis and decision-making. Prerequisite: FIN 301.

FIN 430 - FINANCE ACADEMY III  
Semester Hour: 1  
A continuation of FIN 330. Emphasis is on the management of the Chan Fund. Students learn different aspects of the portfolio management process, and serve as the portfolio manager for the Chan Fund. Prerequisite: FIN 330.

FIN 431 - ADVANCED CORPORATE FINANCE  
Semester Hours: 3  
Advanced corporate finance theories and their applications. Topics include long- and short-term financial planning, project valuation, capital structure policy, dividend policy, mergers and acquisitions, and risk management. Prerequisite: FIN 301.

FIN 454 - INTERNATIONAL FINANCE  
Semester Hours: 3  
An introduction to international finance for tomorrow's global business leaders, with a focus on the financial management dimensions of leading a multinational enterprise. Prerequisites: FIN 301.

FIN 460 - INVESTMENTS  
Semester Hours: 3  
A study of standard investment securities, as well as an overall view of the investment process. Securities covered include equities, fixed income, options, futures and mutual funds. Associated topics include financial markets, valuation models, and fundamental portfolio theory. Prerequisites: FIN 301.

FIN 461 - PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT  
Semester Hours: 3  
A continuation of FIN 460 with an emphasis on the application of investment portfolio management. An understanding of the functional areas of portfolio management is stressed, including investment policy, investment strategy, portfolio construction, performance evaluation, and portfolio protection. Prerequisites: FIN 301 and FIN 460 both with minimum grade of B-.

FIN 490 - SPECIAL PROJECTS  
Semester Hours: 3  
Independent study in an area of interest to the student in the field of finance. Approval of department chair is required.

FIN 495 - INTERNSHIP IN FINANCE  
Semester Hours: 1-3  
Active involvement in a business enterprise, professional organization, or government agency that has particular interest and relevance to the student. Course grade will be given on a satisfactory (S)/unsatisfactory (U) basis. Subject to College's guidelines on internships.