FINANCE

Every business and organization needs to secure and effectively allocate financial resources in order to survive. A degree in finance can prepare you for working in the high-speed business world with skills that translate directly into many entry level positions. The finance curriculum at UAB is designed to provide an understanding of financial operating and investment problems in any business. The program focuses on what it takes to manage business finances in ways that grow profit and otherwise add value to the bottom line. We share knowledge on the theories and practices of effective financial planning, successful investing, stringent cost control, and other essential fundamentals.

Career Outlook

Finance graduates are hired by multinational banking and financial services corporations, security and investment firms, insurance companies, and other businesses in virtually every industry sector.

According to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), over 2.2 million individuals are employed in the financial field. Most occupations in this discipline require the minimum of a Bachelor Science in Finance to be considered for employment. The overall growth rate for the profession is above average at 14.3 percent through the year 2022.

Potential Career Paths

- Budget Analyst
- Cost Estimator
- Financial Analyst
- Financial Manager
- Financial Service Sales Agent
- Personal Finance Advisor
- Purchasing Manager
- Real Estate Appraiser
- Real Estate Lender
- Real Estate Broker
- Securities Analyst
- Insurance Agent
- Stockbroker
- Investment Banker
- Financial Planner

Degree and Concentrations

The Collat School of Business offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance. Students may choose to concentrate on a certain field. All students will gain hands-on practical skills through an internship experience or similar opportunity. Concentrations include:

- Financial Management
- Investments and Institutions
- Real Estate

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Real Estate

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Financial Management Association

The UAB FMA is a student group that seeks to enlarge its participants’ perspectives of the financial world. Members take part in activities such as hosting professional speakers, organizing banquets, taking trips to local businesses, and attending financial conferences throughout the country. FMA’s goal is to expose members to business practices, politics, and personalities, allowing them to form opinions and relationships within their field.