

Careers in Financial Services

Career Path: Financial Analyst

Financial Analysts are the largest group of professionals working in the brokerage and investment management businesses. Analysts are employed in a wide range of industries, including Wall Street brokerage firms, corporations, regional securities firms, banks, insurance companies, mutual funds, and private foundations.

Securities analysts review companies and industries to determine the suitability for investment. They evaluate economic scenarios and their impact on portfolio holdings. They also prepare investment reports and recommendations, and measure investment results to determine the value of investments.



Recommended Courses:

For students interested in a career as a financial analyst, the following elective courses are recommended. These courses enhance a student's ability to read and understand financial statements and better understand the banking, economic and legal systems in which they will work and develop the necessary skills for success.

FIN3319 Money and Banking

Explores the relationship between the financial system and the level, growth, and stability of economic activity. This course emphasizes the theory, structure, and regulation of financial markets and institutions. Students examine investment yields and the role of financial markets as the mechanism for allocating financial resources.

Prerequisites: ECO2200, FIN3302

FIN4421 Financial Statement Analysis

Provides a broad understanding of and a practical approach to the use of financial statements to assess the financial viability of an organization. Students learn how to read and interpret financial statements from a user's perspective.

Prerequisites: ACC1112, FIN3302

These courses are recommended as liberal arts or free electives:

ECO4401 International Economics

Introduces the commercial and financial relationships between the United States and the rest of the world. The course emphasizes the development of the international monetary system, including a detailed comparison of floating exchange rates with the workings of the gold standard and the Bretton Woods system. Prerequisite: ECO2200

LAW1100 Introduction to Law

Introduces the United States legal system. This course examines the structure and administration of the state and federal courts; the function of the trial and appellate courts; the sources of law; the differentiation between procedural and substantive law; and the legal principles of torts, contracts, criminal, civil and property law.

Career Paths are not minors or concentrations and will not be noted on a student's transcript or diploma. Career Paths are suggested electives to fill elective credits.