

# Big ideas.

Real-world thinking.



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MANKATO

## FINANCE *College of Business*

### WHAT DEGREES AND PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED?

#### We offer:

Bachelor of Science in Finance

Emphasis:

- General Finance
- Financial Planning
- Analytic Finance

Minor in Financial Planning

Certificate in Business Analytics

Certificate in Financial Planning

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

With a BS in Finance career opportunities range from helping manage the money of a large corporation, to developing financial plans to help individuals reach their goals.

Level job opportunities include:

- Financial analysts
- Credit analysts
- Personal financial planners
- Business analysts.

Entry level salaries for finance careers range between \$35,000 to \$60,000.

There are many finance careers opportunities that can take you in all kinds of directions. Companies that often hire our students include:

- Wells Fargo
- United Prairie
- FDIC
- United Healthcare
- IBM
- Federated Insurance

### EXAMINING THE QUALITY OF OUR PROGRAM

#### Accreditation

We are accredited by the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). This is the premier standard for colleges of business. Less than five percent of the world's business schools have earned this hallmark of excellence. Additionally, the Department of Finance curriculum has secured accreditation from the Certified Financial Planning Board in Denver, Colorado.

#### Faculty

Our faculty combine the skills of top tier research and high quality teaching to provide you insights into the inner workings of complex financial markets. Our seven faculty members have expertise in a wide range of areas from financial markets to personal finance. Of the seven faculty members, six hold Ph.D. degrees in Finance and one holds a Ph.D. degree in Economics.

### STUDENT EXPERIENCE

#### Faculty/Student Ratio

1:30

Most 400 level classes have less than 30 students.

#### Internships

Students are encouraged to gain real-world experience through internships. Our internship office helps students search, secure and prepare for internships. Each year, over 100 College of Business students earn academic credit for their internships, and most opportunities are paid. Contact: Samantha Campa, [cobinternships@mnsu.edu](mailto:cobinternships@mnsu.edu), 507-389-2963. Or visit: [cob.mnsu.edu/internships](http://cob.mnsu.edu/internships).

#### Scholarships

The College of Business offers more than \$250,000 in scholarships each year to deserving business students. Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis and applications are accepted during the month of February each year. Visit [mnsu.edu/scholarships](http://mnsu.edu/scholarships) to find and apply for scholarships. If you have questions visit [mnsu.edu/scholarships](http://mnsu.edu/scholarships) or contact the College of Business Student Center at [cobadvise@mnsu.edu](mailto:cobadvise@mnsu.edu) or 507-389-2963.

#### Organizations

Students are strongly encouraged to join a student business organization to further their college experience. The Finance Club allows students to meet and listen to representatives from companies who are actively recruiting for interns and full-time positions. Contact: Dr. Rajib Chowdhury, Finance Faculty, [rajib.chowdhury@mnsu.edu](mailto:rajib.chowdhury@mnsu.edu).

The Financial Planning Club. Contact: Dan Hiebert, Finance Faculty, [daniel.hiebert@mnsu.edu](mailto:daniel.hiebert@mnsu.edu), 507-389-5406. Or visit: [mnsu.edu/activities/rso](http://mnsu.edu/activities/rso).

BAM, Business Analytics and Modelers student organization promotes career opportunities in business analytics through training, industry speakers, and networking. Contact: Dr. Ishuan Li [ishuan.li@mnsu.edu](mailto:ishuan.li@mnsu.edu)

## UNIQUE PROGRAMS

### Big Ideas Challenge

The Big Ideas Challenge is a new venture competition that encourages and celebrates students' innovative business ideas. The competition gives Minnesota State Mankato students or alumni within two years of graduating the opportunity to compete for money to fund their business. The competition is open to all majors. Individual and team entries are welcome. Contact: Dr. Shane Bowyer, CIE Director, [cie@mnsu.edu](mailto:cie@mnsu.edu) or visit: [cob.mnsu.edu/bic](http://cob.mnsu.edu/bic)

### United Prairie Bank Integrated Business Experience (IBE)

The IBE is a cutting-edge experience that integrates three of your required business classes (MGMT 230, MRKT 210, FINA 362) along with a 3-credit IBE Practicum (BUS 397) to create and run your own business. The students in your IBE class will not only be in all of your classes during this semester, but they'll also form your student company. Guided by a former IBE student as your company advisor, your company will create a business plan, apply for a real bank loan, sell your product, pay back the loan and donate your profits to charity. The IBE program is your chance to take on the business world before you even graduate. Contact: Dr. Ann Kuzma, Chairperson and Professor of Marketing, [ann.kuzma@mnsu.edu](mailto:ann.kuzma@mnsu.edu), 507-389-2318. Or visit: [cob.mnsu.edu/ibe](http://cob.mnsu.edu/ibe).

### Maverick Student Investment Fund

The Maverick Student Investment Fund is designed to give you a hands-on Finance experience by allowing you to help decide how to allocate a \$850,000 investment portfolio. You will learn first-hand how to do finance and you will develop the professional skills necessary to succeed in any area of Finance.

### National/International Competitions

The Department of Finance prepares and sends its students for competitions in Business Analytics, Financial Planning, and Banking. These competitions build your confidence and your resumé.

### Technology in the College

The College of Business has an Enhanced Technology Program, which supports students by providing access to cutting-edge technology services and opportunities.

We use technology such as simulations and avatars as well as common business applications. We also utilize collaboration technologies for students to work in teams no matter the time and place.

### Wall Street Journal Program

Students in the college receive full access to the Wall Street Journal through an academic partnership program. All students enrolled in a College of Business course (100-499 levels) have access to print and digital material from WSJ and these resources are used throughout the curriculum in the college. The College of Business has been integrating WSJ into classrooms since 2004, and it is the only business school in Minnesota to offer this valuable resource.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

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### Website

[cob.mnsu.edu/academics/finance](http://cob.mnsu.edu/academics/finance)



## SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR CURRICULUM (GENERAL FINANCE, BS)

First Year (Fall)	First Year (Spring)
MATH 130 Finite Mathematics and Introductory Calculus (4) ECON 201 Principles of Macroeconomics (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3)	ACCT 200 Financial Accounting (3) IT 101 Introduction to Information Systems (3) ECON 202 Principles of Microeconomics (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3)
Second Year (Fall)	Second Year (Spring)
BUS 295 Professional Preparation for Business Careers (2) ECON 207 Business Statistics (4) ACCT 210 Managerial Accounting (3) BLAW 200 Legal Environment of Business (3) General Education Course (3)	FINA 362 Business Finance (3) MGMT 230 Principles of Management (3) MRKT 210 Principles of Marketing (3) BUS 397 IBE Practicum (3) Required General Education Course (3)
Third Year (Fall)	Third Year (Spring)
FINA 460 Investments (3) FINA 464 Financial Institutions and Markets (3) IBUS 380 Principals of International Business (3) Course in Emphasis (3) General Education Course (3)	MGMT 300 Introduction to MIS (3) MGMT 346 Production & Operations Management (3) FINA 462 Strategic Financial Management (3) General Education Course (3) Other Graduation Requirements Course (3)
Fourth Year (Fall)	Fourth Year (Spring)
MGMT 481 Business Policy & Strategy (3) Course in Emphasis (3) Course in Emphasis (3) General Education Course (3) Other Graduation Requirements Course (3)	FINA 400 Financial Analysis Using Excel (3) Course in Emphasis (3) Course in Emphasis (3) Other Graduation Requirements Course (3) Other Graduation Requirements Course (3)

For additional information about course requirements, please visit [mnsu.edu/academics/academic-catalog/](http://mnsu.edu/academics/academic-catalog/)



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