

FINANCE, B.S. (ABINGTON)

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Abington

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science degree in Finance, a minimum of 120 credits is required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives (non-business courses)	5
Requirements for the Major	82

12 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 6 credits of GQ courses; 6 credits of GWS courses.

At least 50 percent of the business credit hours required for the degree must be taken at Capital College. No more than 60 credits should be from business and business-related courses.

Requirements for the Major

To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn a grade of C or better in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
BA 364Y	International Business and Society	3
MGMT 301	Basic Management Concepts	3
MIS 390	Information Systems Management and Applications	3
MKTG 301	Principles of Marketing	3
SCM 301	Supply Chain Management	3
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
ACCTG 211	Financial and Managerial Accounting for Decision Making	4
BA 462	Business Strategy	3
ECON 102	Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy	3
ECON 104	Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy	3
ECON 351	Money and Banking	3
FIN 301	Corporation Finance	3
FIN 302	Introductory Financial Modeling	3
FIN 420	Investment and Portfolio Analysis	3
FIN 475	Financial Decision Making	3
Additional Courses		
BA 241 & BA 242 or BA 243	Legal Environment of Business and Social and Ethical Environment of Business Social, Legal, and Ethical Environment of Business	4

MIS 204 or MIS 250	Introduction to Management Information Systems Introduction to Problem Solving with Spreadsheet Analysis and Information Systems Management	3
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Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

ENGL 15 or ENGL 30H	Rhetoric and Composition Honors Rhetoric and Composition	3
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MATH 110 or MATH 140	Techniques of Calculus I Calculus With Analytic Geometry I	4
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SCM 200 or STAT 200	Introduction to Statistics for Business Elementary Statistics	4
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Select 3 credits from the following: 3

ENGL 202A Effective Writing: Writing in the Social Sciences

ENGL 202B Effective Writing: Writing in the Humanities

ENGL 202C Effective Writing: Technical Writing

ENGL 202D Effective Writing: Business Writing (Preferred)

Select 9 credits from the following: 9

ECON 470 International Trade and Finance
or FIN 407 Multinational Financial Management
or FIN 471 International Finance

FIN 305 Financial Management of the Business Enterprise

FIN 306W Investment Valuation

FIN 405 Advanced Financial Management

FIN 408 Financial Markets and Institutions

FIN 409 Real Estate Finance and Investment

FIN 413 Risk Management of Financial Institutions

FIN 418 Energy Finance

FIN 427 Derivative Securities ¹

FIN 428 Fixed Income Securities

FIN 455 Quantitative Analysis for Business

FIN 456 International Capital Markets

FIN 461 Portfolio Management and Analysis ¹
or FIN 406 Security Analysis and Portfolio Management

FIN 470 Real Estate and Capital Markets

FIN 477 Behavioral Finance

FIN 496 Independent Studies

Other finance courses approved by the Program

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Select 9 credits of 200-400 level business courses from: ACCTG, BA, ECON, FIN, HRM, MGMT, MIS, MKTG, or SCM in consultation with an academic adviser and in support of the student's interests 9

¹ For students considering CFA exam, FIN 407, FIN 427 and FIN 461 are recommended.

General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general->

education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Arts (GA):** 3 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 3 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 3 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 3 credits

Integrative Studies

- **Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain):** 6 credits

Exploration

- **GN**, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- **GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses.** This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements

First Year Engagement

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- **United States Cultures:** 3 credits
- **International Cultures:** 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.