

FINANCE, B.S. (CAPITAL)

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: Harrisburg

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
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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
MATH 110 or MATH 140	Techniques of Calculus I Calculus With Analytic Geometry I	4
SCM 200 or STAT 200	Introduction to Statistics for Business Elementary Statistics	4

Select 3 credits from the following:

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:

ECON 470 or FIN 407 or FIN 471	International Trade and Finance Multinational Financial Management 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 or FIN 406	Portfolio Management and Analysis ¹ 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

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.