Finance is the field of study that focuses on managing the finances of firms, financial institutions, and individuals. The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire finance program provides students with the finance and general business knowledge needed to compete in today’s job market. The program also helps students develop communication, interpersonal, technical, and critical thinking skills which are highly valued by organizations seeking to employ individuals with a finance background. The Department of Accounting and Finance offers a comprehensive major in business finance with emphases in general finance, corporate finance, and financial services. The department also offers a minor in finance.

**Typical interests and values of finance majors:**
- Understanding and interpreting financial data
- Explaining financial statements to others
- Confidentiality

**Knowledge and skills gained from studying finance:**

**Knowledge:**
The finance program at UW-Eau Claire allows students to have an understanding of modern working capital management, the issues and skills involved in evaluating long-term investments and their financing, and the various components of the financial system.

**Skills:**
- Proficiency in written and oral communication
- Aptitude for accuracy and detail
- Professional organization, analysis, and interpretation of numerical data
- Adept explanations of complex financial data to others
- Proficiency with computers
- Negotiating
- Identifying and solving problems
- Extracting important information
- Defining needs and goals
- Representing others
- Accepting responsibility

**Related student and professional organizations:**

**Student:**
- Student Accounting Society
- Beta Upsilon Sigma
- Financial Management Association
- Phi Beta Lambda (PBL)

**Professional:**
- Financial Management Association
- Financial Manager’s Society
- Professional Finance Job Search & Career Information
- Government Finance Officers Association
- National Association of Financial & Estate Planning

**Career fields related to finance:**

**Potential Employers:**
Finance graduates can use their education in a variety of fields. In many cases, their positions closely relate to their personal career interests, work values, and transferable skills. Employers of finance graduates include corporations, firms, banking institutions, government, and colleges and universities.

**Potential Job Titles:**
- Personal Banker
- Credit Analyst
- Finance Manager
- Chief Financial Officer
- Financial Planner
- Investment Banker
- Actuary
- Purchasing Manager
- Money Manager
- Investment Portfolio Manager
- Customer Service Representative
- Commercial Loan Officer
- Mortgage Broker
- Financial Analyst
- Controller
- Brokerage Clerk
- Portfolio Manager
- Underwriter
- Accountant
- Financial Consultant

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Jobs You Might Also Consider...
Industrial Purchaser  Loan Counselor
Market Research Analyst  Claims Adjuster
Real Estate Broker  Auditor
Import/Export Specialist  Insurance Agent
Government Official  Systems Analyst
Inventory Control Specialist  Property Manager

Sample entry level jobs held by UW-Eau Claire finance graduates:
- **Credit Analyst**, Anchor Bank, West St. Paul, MN
- **Research Programmer Analyst**, Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, WI
- **Merchandise Analyst**, Kohl’s Menomonee Falls, WI
- **Accounting Assistant**, Ministry Healthcare, Stevens Point, WI
- **Accountant**, Cargill, Wayzata, MN
- **Loan Analyst**, BNC National Bank, Minneapolis, MN
- **Wealth Advisor**, Larson Allen Financial, Minneapolis, MN
- **Credit Underwriter**, Associated Bank, Wausau, WI

Learn more about finance:
*Department*
- Contact UW–Eau Claire’s Department of Accounting and Finance, SSS 400A, 836-2184

Getting started at Career Services:
- Meet with a career counselor
- Take interest inventory and self assessment tests
- Utilize Blugold Career Success Network, a database of UW–Eau Claire alumni & friends available for informational interviewing
- Utilize Blugold CareerLink, an online job search database specifically for UWEC students and alum

Resources at Career Services:
*Yellow Section*
- Sigi 3 handouts:
  - Finance
  - Accountant, Public Practice
  - Accounting Clerk
  - Accounting, Finance, Banking, Insurance, and Real Estate

- Management Accountant
- Management Analyst

Book sections:
*Orange Section*
- Internship Information pertaining to Finance

*Blue Section*
- “Hoover’s Handbook of American Business”
- “Job Opportunities in Business”
- “Minnesota and Wisconsin Manufacturers’ Directories”
- Multiple resources to help create a resume for a career in finance

Opportunities to enhance skills in finance:
*Internships*
Internships are a way to gain hands-on experience in a position that you may be considering as a potential career. To find an internship in finance, visit Career Services (Schofield 230) and speak with a career associate. Contact your adviser or the Department of Accounting and Finance chair about enrolling in FIN 398 or 498 to obtain academic credit for your internship.

*Directed Studies or Independent Study Class*
By participating in a directed studies or independent study class, students will be able to research an area that they find particularly interesting. Contact your adviser about enrolling in FIN 399, 495, or 499.

What you can do now:
- Become a teaching assistant for a finance professor.
- Ask to help with the finances at your local job.
- Become treasurer of a student organization.
- Job shadow a professional in your field of interest or conduct informational interviews.