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## B.S. DEGREE IN FINANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FINANCE MAJOR

**2024-2025**

**Admission Requirements for the Finance Major:**

To be admitted to the major, students must (1) have completed at least 52 semester hours, (2) have completed ACG 2021, ACG 2071, CGS 2100 or CGS 2518, ECO 2013, ECO 2023, MAC 2233, and STA 2023 with a grade of “C-” or better in each course, and (3) have the required GPA in all prerequisite course attempts that is in effect at the time they enter the major. **The prerequisite GPA required for the 2024 - 2025 academic year (Fall 2024, Spring 2025, and Summer 2025) is 2.500. The prerequisite GPA required is subject to change each academic year.**

**Lower-level Prerequisites for Finance Majors: Students must earn a “C-” or better in each course. All of these courses must be completed prior to admission to the Finance major.**

Course #	Course Title	Hrs	Course Prerequisites
ECO 2013	Principles of Macroeconomics	3	None
ECO 2023	Principles of Microeconomics	3	None
MAC 2233	Calculus for Business	3	MAC 1105
STA 2023	Fundamental Business Statistics	3	MAC 1105
CGS 2100 or CGS 2518	Microcomputer Applications for Business Spreadsheets for Business ( <i>CGS2518 is prerequisite to all 4000-level finance courses</i> )	3	None
ACG 2021	Introduction to Financial Accounting	3	None
ACG 2071	Introduction to Managerial Accounting	3	ACG 2021

**CGS 2518 – Spreadsheets for Business (3) is required for students in the Finance Major. A grade of “C-” or better is required.**

**GEB 1030 – Professional Development for Business careers (1) is required for all students entering FSU Fall 2019 or later. A grade of “C-” or better is required.**

**RMI 2302 – Risk in Business and Society (3) is required for students entering FSU Fall 2013 or later. A grade of “C-” or better is required.**

**General Business Core Requirements for Finance Majors: Students must earn a “C-” or better in each course. Students must earn a “B-” or better in FIN 3403 in order to be eligible to enroll in any 4000-level FIN course. Any student receiving three grades below “B-” in FIN 3403 will not be allowed to pursue a degree in Finance.**

BUL 3310	The Legal and Ethical Environment of Business	3	None
FIN 3403	Financial Management of the Firm	3	ECO 2023, ACG 2021
GEB 3213	Business Communications	3	Admission to the major
ISM 3541	Introduction to Business Analytics	3	None
MAN 3240	Organizational Behavior	3	None
MAR 3023	Basic Marketing Concepts	3	None

**General Business Breadth Requirements for Finance Majors: Students must earn a “C-” or better in each course.**

FIN 3244	Financial Markets, Institutions, and Intl. Finance Systems	3	ECO 2013, ACG 2021
MAN 4720	Strategic Management and Business Policy	3	FIN 3403, MAN 3240, MAR 3023
QMB 3200	Quantitative Methods for Business Decisions	3	CGS 2100, STA 2023

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Finance Major Area Requirements: Students must earn a "B-" or better in FIN 3403 to be eligible to enroll in any 4000-level FIN course. Students must earn a "C-" or better in FIN 4424, FIN 4504, and the two finance electives. Students must earn a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in the six courses used to satisfy the finance major area requirements.					
Course #		Course Title		Hrs	Course Prerequisites
FIN	4424	Problems in Financial Management		3	FIN 3244, FIN 3403, CGS 2518
FIN	4504	Investments		3	FIN 3244, FIN 3403, CGS 2518
ACG	3171	Analysis of Financial Statement Presentation		3	ACG 2021
ACG	3331	Cost Accounting and Analysis for Business Decisions		3	ACG 2071
<b>Plus two (2) electives from the following list of courses:</b>					
FIN	4324	Commercial Bank Administration		3	FIN 3244, FIN 3403, CGS 2518
FIN	4433	Venture Capital and Private Equity		3	FIN 3244, FIN 3403, CGS 2518
FIN	4453	Financial Modeling and Forecasting		3	FIN 3403, QMB 3200, CGS 2518
FIN	4514	Security Analysis and Portfolio Management		3	FIN 4504, CGS 2518
FIN	4730	Strategic Consulting Finance		3	FIN 3244, FIN 3403, CGS 2518
FIN	4934r	Senior Seminar in Finance		3	FIN 3244, FIN 3403, CGS 2518
GEB	4455	Perspectives on Free Enterprise		3	FIN 3244, FIN 3403, CGS 2518
*REE or *REE	4204	Real Estate Finance		3	REE 3043, FIN 3403
	4313	Real Estate Feasibility Analysis		3	REE 3043, FIN 3403

\*Students may count only one (1) of these REE courses as a Finance major elective.

#### Additional Information:

- FIN 4424, FIN 4504, and the two finance electives must be taken in residence at FSU.
- The two course sequence, ACG 3101 (Financial Accounting and Reporting I) and ACG 3111 (Financial Accounting and Reporting II) may be substituted for ACG 3171.
- ACG 3341 (Cost Accounting) may be substituted for ACG 3331.
- For the required minimum GPA of 2.0 in the six courses in the finance major, if more than two finance electives are completed, the two highest grades are used in the GPA calculation to meet the requirement.
- The Department of Finance offers an Honors Thesis option, FIN 4970. See the Department Chairperson for information.
- FIN 4905, Directed Individual Study, FIN 4941, Finance Internship, and FIN 4970, Honors Thesis, are **not** permitted as one of the required finance elective courses, but they do count toward the University total hours requirement for graduation.
- In addition to the requirements outlined above, each student must complete all University-wide requirements for graduation.** These requirements include liberal studies requirements, the multicultural requirement, the summer residency requirement, the FSU residency requirement, and total hours requirement. Depending on time of admission to Florida State University, University-wide requirements may differ; please consult your advisor.
- Qualified students may apply for the Combined Bachelor of Science in Finance/Master of Science in Finance (BS/MSF) Pathway or in Finance/Master of Business Administration (BS/MBA) Pathway. Students in the Combined BS/MSFI or BS/MBA Pathway can take up to nine hours of graduate work that may double count for their graduate and undergraduate degree requirements. Important information to note:
  - To qualify for Combined Pathways student must have a 3.4+ GPA overall, a 3.2+ GPA overall in upper-division coursework and 3.2+ GPA in major-specific upper-division coursework.
  - Students can substitute the following graduate courses for undergraduate courses:
    - Equity Valuation substitutes for FIN4424 (Problems in Financial Management)
    - Fixed Income substitutes for any 4000-level finance elective
    - Portfolio Management for any 4000-level finance elective (or Manager Selection and Strategic Portfolio)
  - Graduation requirements for graduate degrees programs differ from undergraduate degree programs. If you are interested in finding out more about the Combined BS/MSF or BS/MBA Pathway, visit <https://business.fsu.edu/combined-pathways>.
- Students **must not** enroll in **any** course at another institution without first receiving approval from the College of Business Undergraduate programs Office. Once enrolled at FSU, students should plan to take their upper-level business courses at FSU. Any exception to this policy must be approved in advance by the College of Business Undergraduate Programs Office. Transfer of upper-level business courses completed prior to enrolling at FSU must be from business colleges at other 4-year, accredited institutions. These courses must be approved for course substitution by the College of Business Undergraduate Programs Office upon entering FSU.
- Please be advised that business courses offered in the summer semester are extremely limited.
- For additional information regarding the finance major, contact the Department of Finance, RBA 311, 644-4220.