Finance

The finance major provides students with a broad understanding of financial decision-making, and also allows the flexibility for students to pursue specific areas of interest within finance. Courses cover topics such as investment decision making, corporate funding, valuation of securities and management of financial institutions. Students have the option of concentrating in a functional area such as corporate finance, investments, financial institutions, real estate or personal financial planning. Alternatively, students can select courses across several functional areas.

Do Research

Selecting a major that aligns with your interests, personality, skills and abilities is an important part of your career development. The websites below will help you learn more about finance.

Finance Websites
WMU Finance Department: www.wmich.edu/finance
American Association of Finance and Accounting: www.aafa.com
Financial Executives Networking Group: www.thefeng.org
Financial Job Network: www.financialjobnet.com
Financial Jobs: www.financialjobs.com
OneWire: www.onewire.com

General Websites
The Haworth College of Business Career Center: www.wmich.edu/business/career
O-NET Dictionary of Occupational Titles: www.onetonline.org
Occupational Outlook Handbook: www.bls.gov/oco
CareerTV: www.careertv.com

Get Involved

Becoming involved in an organization is an essential part of your career development. The websites below are for WMU registered student organizations and national and international professional organizations related to the finance major.

Financial Management Association: www.fma.org
Association for Financial Planners: www.afponline.org
Academy of Financial Services: www.academyfinancial.org
Society of Financial Service Professionals: www.financialpro.org

Explore Opportunities

Exploring companies that hire finance majors is a great way to get a sense of the field. The companies below recruit business students and are a great place to start exploring finance jobs.

- Charles Schwab
- Comerica
- Dept. of Treasury
- Edward Jones
- Ernst & Young
- Greenleaf Trust
- Haworth
- Kellogg
- Patriot Capital
- Pfizer
- Plante & Moran
- Raymond James
- Stryker
- Wells Fargo
- Zhang Financial