



What can I do with a major in **FINANCE** from Valparaiso University?

Description of major:

The study of how money is stored, protected, received, distributed, and generally managed. Finance is a broad area and allows students to find opportunities in a variety of fields, including: corporate finance, banking, financial institutions, securities, portfolio management and others.

Relevant skills for a FINANCE major:

- ◆ Determine the financial effects of projected management actions aimed at achieving organization objectives
- ◆ Explain complex financial transactions & data to others
- ◆ Know financial & economic theory, practices, and trends
- ◆ Make sound judgments & decisions
- ◆ Organize, analyze, & interpret numerical data
- ◆ Plan & administer budgets
- ◆ Prepare & organize records
- ◆ Prepare financial reports
- ◆ Relate to people of various backgrounds and personalities
- ◆ Solve quantitative problems
- ◆ Show aptitude for accuracy & detail
- ◆ Think critically
- ◆ Use and understand computers
- ◆ Work alone as well as with other individuals and others!

Sample work activities for Graduates in FINANCE (some may require an advanced degree)

- Account Executive
- Actuary
- Appraiser/Assessor
- Bank Economist
- Bank Manager
- Branch Manager
- Budget Analyst
- Business Analyst
- Chief Financial Officer
- Claims Adjuster/Examiner
- Commodities Trader
- Controller
- Cost Manager
- Credit Analyst
- Credit Counselor
- Credit Manager
- Corporate Financial Manager
- Corporate Financial Planner
- Economist
- Estimator
- External Auditor
- Financial Aid Officer
- Financial Analyst
- Financial Planner
- Foreign Exchange Trader
- Government Official
- Insurance Agent/Broker
- Internal Auditor
- International Trade Specialist
- Investment Banker
- Investor Relations
- Loan Administrator/Officer
- Loan Processor
- Market Research Analyst
- Mergers/Acquisitions Manager
- Mutual Fund Manager
- Payroll Administrator
- Portfolio Analyst
- Professor
- Property Manager
- Rate Analyst
- Real Estate Developer
- Sales Analyst
- Securities Analyst
- Securities Broker
- Stockbroker
- Treasurer
- Treasury Management Specialist
- Trust Analyst/Administrator
- and others!

Potential hiring institutions for FINANCE majors:

- ◆ Banks
- ◆ Brokerage firms
- ◆ Consulting firms
- ◆ Corporations
- ◆ Government: Federal Reserve Bank, Securities & Exchange Commission
- ◆ Insurance companies
- ◆ Investment firms
- ◆ Real Estate agencies
- ◆ Securities firms
- ◆ and others!

Area of further education for FINANCE majors:

- ◆ Actuarial Science
- ◆ Business Administration/Management
- ◆ Economics
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Electronic Commerce
- ◆ Entrepreneurship
- ◆ Finance & Banking
- ◆ Insurance
- ◆ International Business
- ◆ Law
- ◆ Management Strategy & Policy
- ◆ Marketing
- ◆ Project Management
- ◆ Real Estate
- ◆ and others!

Sources of additional information for FINANCE majors:

- VU College of Business Administration: <http://www.valpo.edu/cba/undergrad/finance.php>
- Occupational Outlook Handbook: the US Bureau of Labor Statistics compiles information about various occupations, including the nature of the work, the job outlook, the earnings, and other relevant information. <http://stats.bls.gov/oco/home.htm>
- American Association of Finance & Accounting: An alliance of executive search firms specializing in the recruitment and placement of finance and accounting professionals. Job listings can be found under some of the recruiters listed or you can search the entire database. <http://www.aafa.com/>
- American Banker Daily: magazine of the financial industry featuring daily updates and industry news. Loads of great info. The CareerZone is operated in conjunction with bankjobs.com (used to be CareerBuilder). <http://www.americanbanker.com/PSUser/>
- American Bankers Association: represents banks of all sizes on issues of national importance for financial institutions and their customers. Brings together all categories of banking institutions, including community, regional and money center banks and holding companies, as well as savings associations, trust companies and savings banks. <http://www.aba.com>
- American Management Consulting Firms: Online database of management consulting. <http://www.amcf.org/>
- Association for Financial Professionals: the world's leading professional association for corporate treasury executives of leading companies and organizations. <http://www.afponline.org/>
- Bloomberg.Com: The online magazine on the latest economics information. Includes a Careers page with job opportunities. <http://www.bloomberg.com/>
- Careers in Finance: Part of the "Careers-in-Business" series offering information and links for those interested in Finance. <http://www.careers-in-finance.com/>
- Consumers Bankers Association: recognized voice on retail banking issues in the nation's capital. Member institutions are the leaders in consumer finance (auto, home equity and education), electronic retail delivery systems, bank sales of investment products, small business services, and community development. <http://www.cbanet.org>
- Federal Deposit Insurance Company: Keeps an online database of financial institutions. <http://www.fdic.gov/>
- Financial Job Network Lists global job opportunities for financial professionals. <http://www.financialjobnet.com>
- Financial Jobs: source for professional careers in banking, accounting, corporate finance and investment. <http://www.financialjobs.com/>
- Financial Management Association International: organization for and about financial professionals. <http://www.fma.org/>
- Independent Insurance Agents of America: Site is under construction <http://www.independentagent.com>

- Institute of Real Estate Management: source for education and professional recognition for real estate managers and management organizations. Site includes Career Info. <http://www.irem.org>
- InsuranceFile: posting job listings for insurance positions. <http://www.insfile.com/>
- Job\$ in the Money: job and career information for financial professionals. <http://www.jobsinthemoney.com/>
- National Banking & Financial Services Network: the oldest and largest association of independently owned recruiting firms all specializing in the Banking and Financial Services marketplace. <http://nbn-jobs.com>
- StreetJobs: servicing US and global investment banks and brokerage firms for employers and employment seekers. <http://www.streetjobs.com/>
- Wall Street Journal Career Journal: articles, tips, job leads, etc. <http://www.careerjournal.com>

VU Career Center Resource Library Materials:

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| ◆ <i>Book of U.S. Government Jobs: Where They Are, What's Available, and How to Get One</i> | ◆ <i>Opportunities in Financial Careers</i> |
| ◆ <i>Career Opportunities in Banking, Finance & Insurance</i> | ◆ <i>Opportunities in Government Careers</i> |
| ◆ <i>Careers for Financial Mavens & Other Money Movers</i> | ◆ <i>Opportunities in Insurance Careers</i> |
| ◆ <i>Careers for Number Crunchers & Other Quantitative Types</i> | ◆ <i>Opportunities in International Business Careers</i> |
| ◆ <i>Essays that Worked for Law Schools</i> | ◆ <i>Opportunities in Law Careers</i> |
| ◆ <i>GMAT 2003</i> | ◆ <i>Opportunities in Property Management Careers</i> |
| ◆ <i>Graduate Admissions Essays: Write Your Way into the Graduate School of Your Choice</i> | ◆ <i>Opportunities in Real Estate Careers</i> |
| ◆ <i>Graduate Schools in the U.S</i> | ◆ <i>Opportunities in Sales Careers</i> |
| ◆ <i>Great Jobs for Economics Majors</i> | ◆ <i>Peterson's Game Plan for Getting into Business School</i> |
| ◆ <i>Guide to America's Federal Jobs</i> | ◆ <i>Peterson's Game Plan for Getting into Graduate School</i> |
| ◆ <i>Harvard Business School Guide to Careers in Finance</i> | ◆ <i>Peterson's Game Plan for Getting into Law School</i> |
| ◆ <i>Harvard Business School Guide to Careers in Management Consulting</i> | ◆ <i>Peterson's Graduate & Professional Programs, an Overview</i> |
| ◆ <i>Harvard Business Schools Guide to Careers in Marketing</i> | ◆ <i>Peterson's Graduate & Professional Programs in Business, Education, Health, Information Studies, Law & Social Work</i> |
| ◆ <i>Harvard Business School Guide to Careers in the Nonprofit Sector</i> | ◆ <i>Resumes for Banking and Financial Careers</i> |
| ◆ <i>LSAT 2006</i> | ◆ <i>Resumes for Business Management Careers</i> |
| ◆ <i>Opportunities in Banking Careers</i> | ◆ <i>Undergraduate's Guide to Corporate Leadership Development Programs</i> |
| | ◆ <i>Vault.Com Career Guide to Investment Banking and others!</i> |

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