ABOUT A DEGREE IN FINANCE

Finance majors can expect to find careers in a variety of industries. Almost every company and organization has a need for a finance department. Finance majors generally help track daily operations within an organization, analyze the current financial position and plan for future corporate expenditures and acquisitions. In addition to being needed within organizations, finance majors can seek careers in a variety of external service companies offering financial assistance to individuals, non-profit organizations and corporations.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Actuary
- Bank Manager
- Commodities Trader
- Financial Planner
- Loan Officer
- Sales Analyst
- Appraiser
- Budget Analyst
- Controller
- Financial Analyst
- Mutual Fund Manager
- Securities Broker
- Audit Manager
- Chief Financial Officer
- Credit Manager
- Investment Banker
- Portfolio Analyst
- Stockbroker

RELATED SKILLS:

- Communication
- Analytical
- Quantitative
- Problem Solving
- Organization
- Self-motivated
- Knowledge of Computers
- Independent
- Adaptability
- Management
- Detail-oriented
- Accurate

HIRING INSTITUTIONS:

- Financial Institutions
- Real Estate
- Government Agencies
- High Tech Industries
- Commercial Banking
- Investment Banking
- Non-profit Organizations
- Insurance Agencies
- Energy Providers
- Telecommunications
- Financial Services

JOB OUTLOOK:

Regulatory reforms and the expansion and globalization of the economy will increase the need for financial expertise and drive job growth. As the economy expands, both the growth of established companies and the creation of new businesses will spur demand for financial managers. Employment of bank branch managers is expected to increase because banks are refocusing on the importance of their existing branches and are creating new branches to service a growing population. However, mergers, acquisitions, and corporate downsizing are likely to restrict the employment growth of financial managers, especially during a nationwide and global recession. (Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics)

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

Working in comfortable offices, often close to top managers and to departments that develop the financial data those managers need. Financial managers typically have direct access to state-of-the-art computer systems and information services. They commonly work long hours, often up to 50 or 60 per week. Financial managers generally are required to attend meetings of financial and economic associations and may travel to visit subsidiary firms or to meet customers. Entry-level employees in the financial field will also be expected to work long hours, but with more concentration on carrying out the daily tasks assigned to them by their supervisor. (Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics)

COMPANIES THAT HIRE TU STUDENTS: