

Rationale: Change in AACSB accrediting requirements no longer mandate 60 hours non-business coursework for the BBA degree, allowing the previous non-business elective hours required to convert to free electives; student who do this track will now have three hours free electives available.

7. Reduce “Finance Track with Required Accounting Major” from 121 to 120 hours, and remove both statements concerning 121 hours from catalog.

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3. THIS PROPOSAL INVOLVES: (Please check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Courses in other colleges | <input type="checkbox"/> Courses in proposer’s college that are frequently taken by students in other colleges | <input type="checkbox"/> Flags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Course in the core curriculum | <input type="checkbox"/> Change in course sequencing for an existing program | <input type="checkbox"/> Courses that have to be added to the inventory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change in admission requirements (external or internal) | <input type="checkbox"/> Requirements not explicit in the catalog language (e.g., lists of acceptable courses maintained by department office) | |

4. SCOPE OF PROPOSED CHANGE:

- a. Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools? Yes No
If yes, then how would you do so?
- b. Do you anticipate a net change in the number of students in your college? Yes No
If yes, how many more (or fewer) students do you expect?
- c. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from outside of your college taking classes in your college? Yes No
If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.
- d. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from your college taking courses in other colleges? Yes No
If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.

If 4 a, b, c, or d was answered with yes, please answer the following questions:

If the proposal has potential budgetary impacts for another college/school, such as requiring new sections or a non-negligible increase in the number of seats offered, at least one contact must be at the college-level.

How many students do you expect to be impacted?

Impacted schools must be contacted and their response(s) included:

Person communicated with:

Date of communication:

Response:

- e. Does this proposal involve changes to the core curriculum or other basic education requirements (42-hour core, signature courses, flags)? If yes, explain: No

If yes, Undergraduate Studies must be informed of the proposed changes and their response included:

Person communicated with:

Date of communication:

Response:

- f. Will this proposal change the number of hours required for degree completion? Yes, only for the Finance Track with Required Accounting Minor

Note: THECB Semester Credit Hour Change Form required, download from URL:

<http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/reports/DocFetch.cfm?DocID=2419&format=doc>

If yes, explain: Change in AACSB accrediting requirements no longer mandate 60 hours non-business coursework for the BBA degree; this flexibility allows us to adjust the electives in the track and reduce degree requirements to 120 hours. Students do not have to complete 1 additional hour of non-business coursework to meet the 60 hours that were previously mandated.

5. COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS

Department approval date: February 6, 2017 Approved by whom: Undergraduate Program Committee

College approval date: April 26, 2017 Approved by whom: all McCombs faculty

Dean approval date: April 26, 2017 Approved by whom: Dean Jay Hartzell

PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:⁴

Catalogs > Undergraduate > Red McCombs School of Business > Degrees and Programs > Bachelor of Business Administration > Finance

Finance

Finance is the study of resource allocation—the process, markets, institutions, and instruments that provide for the transfer of money and wealth. The finance degree program offers students an opportunity to study the finance function in the business firm, the financial services firm, and the financial system.

The finance major presents students with the theoretical framework and analytical tools and techniques to handle a variety of finance and business functions. Students may choose one of seven tracks: corporate finance and investment banking, energy finance, investment management and banking, quantitative finance, finance with required accounting minor, or real estate; students who do not wish to specialize may choose the general finance track.

Corporate finance and investment banking courses are designed to prepare students for careers as associates of corporate treasury departments, as corporate financial analysts, and as management consultants. Energy finance courses are designed to prepare students for positions in project financing, valuation, and risk management in the energy sector. Investment management and banking courses are designed to give students a background suitable for starting positions as financial analysts with investment funds, investment banks, commercial banks, and other financial institutions. Quantitative finance courses are designed to prepare students for financial analyst positions in research departments of financial institutions and for graduate study in finance. Real estate courses are designed to give students a broad background in valuing and

managing real estate; the track is intended to prepare students for positions in real estate commercial brokerage and appraisal, mortgage banking, loan underwriting, real estate development and investment, and property management. The finance track with a required accounting minor is appropriate for students who wish to enhance their understanding of auditing/financial reporting, managerial accounting/control and taxation, and students whose careers will interact with the Controller function of their organization.

Finance majors may specialize further by completing the Financial Analyst Program (FAP). This one year program allows competitively selected business students to work closely with finance faculty members and industry professionals to develop their skills and experience as analysts. The program may be combined with any of the finance options. More information about FAP is available in the Department of Finance office and at their website.

The requirements of this program are:

1. The Core Curriculum and the BBA Degree Requirements
2. Accounting 326 (with the exception of the finance track with required accounting minor), Finance 367, and 370 (may fulfill writing and independent inquiry flags)
3. Only one independent study may be counted toward the finance major with the exception of the general finance track, the finance track with required accounting minor, and the real estate track, which do not allow independent study, as noted below
4. One of the following tracks:
 - a. *Corporate Finance and Investment Banking*
 - i. Finance 374C
 - ii. One of the following courses: Accounting 327 (may fulfill the quantitative reasoning flag), 329, 362, or 364
 - iii. Two of the following courses: Finance 366P, 371M, 372, 373, 374S, 376, 377 (Topic 1: *Portfolio Analysis and Management*), either 377 (Topic 2: *Financial Risk Management*) or 377 (Topic 5: *Energy Financial Risk Management*), and either 377 (Topic 3: *Security Analysis*) or 377 (Topic 4: *Financial Analysis*)
 - b. *Energy Finance*
 - i. Finance 374C **and**
 - ii. Finance 377 (Topic 5: *Energy Financial Risk Management*)
 - iii. Two of the following courses: Finance 366P, 371M, 372, 373, 374S, 375F, 376, 377 (Topic 1: *Portfolio Analysis and Management*), and either 377 (Topic 3: *Security Analysis*) or 377 (Topic 4: *Financial Analysis*)
 - c. *Investment Management and Banking*
 - i. Finance 377 (Topic 1: *Portfolio Analysis and Management*)
 - ii. Finance 371M
 - iii. Two of the following courses: Finance 366P, 372, 373, 374C, 374S, 375F, 376, either 377 (Topic 2: *Financial Risk Management*) or 377 (Topic 5: *Energy Financial Risk Management*), either 377 (Topic 3: *Security Analysis*) or 377 (Topic 4: *Financial Analysis*), and Real Estate 378K
 - d. *General Finance*

- i. 12 semester hours of upper-division coursework in finance; up to ~~six~~ three hours may be taken in real estate. The following courses may **not** be used to fulfill this requirement: Finance 353, 357, 367, and 370. ~~Finance 354 and 371M may not both be used.~~ Finance 377 (Topic 2: *Financial Risk Management*) and 377 (Topic 5: *Energy Financial Risk Management*) may not both be used. Finance 377 (Topic 3: *Security Analysis*) and 377 (Topic 4: *Financial Analysis*) may not both be used; Topic 3 is open only to students in the Financial Analyst Program.
 - ii. An independent research course may not be counted toward the general finance option
 - e. *Quantitative Finance*
 - i. Statistics 375 or 375H. Completing this requirement will also fulfill the requirement for the statistics course listed in item 7.a.v of the BBA degree requirements
 - ii. Finance 374C
 - iii. Finance 377 (Topic 2: *Financial Risk Management*) or 377 (Topic 5: *Energy Financial Risk Management*)
 - iv. One of the following courses: Finance 371M, 372, 373, 374S, 376, 377 (Topic 1: *Portfolio Analysis and Management*), and either 377 (Topic 3: *Security Analysis*) or 377 (Topic 4: *Financial Analysis*)
 - v. One of the following courses: Statistics 372 (Topic 5: *Financial and Econometric Time Series Modeling*), 372 (Topic 6: *Optimization Methods in Finance*), 372 (Topic 7: *Computational Finance*), Management Information Systems 373 (Topic 17: *Data Mining for Business Intelligence*), Finance 366P
 - f. *Real Estate*
 - i. Finance ~~354 or~~ 371M
 - ii. One of the following courses: Finance 377 (Topic 3: *Security Analysis*) or 377 (Topic 4: *Financial Analysis*), 374S, 374C
 - iii. Six semester hours of coursework in real estate
 - iv. An independent research course may not be counted toward the real estate option
 - g. *Finance with Required Accounting Minor*
 - i. Twelve semester hours of upper-division coursework in finance; up to ~~six~~ three hours may be taken in real estate. The following courses may **not** be used to fulfill this requirement: Finance 353, 357, 367, and 370. ~~Finance 354 and 371M may not both be used.~~ Finance 377 (Topic 2: *Financial Risk Management*) and 377 (Topic 5: *Energy Financial Risk Management*) may not both be used. Finance 377 (Topic 3: *Security Analysis*) and 377 (Topic 4: *Financial Analysis*) may not both be used; Topic 3 is open only to students in the Financial Analyst Program.
 - 1. Students may choose to complete this requirement with the finance course requirements for any one of tracks a-~~ef~~
 - ii. Accounting Minor for Business Majors, completed in full
 - iii. An independent research course may not be counted toward the finance with accounting minor option

~~iv. Students in this track do not take 5 hours of free electives; those are fulfilled by the Accounting Minor for Business Majors~~

Note: this track requires 121 hours for degree completion

5. Additional elective coursework, if necessary, to provide a total of at least 120 semester hours, ~~except for the Finance with Required Accounting Minor track, which requires 121 semester hours~~

¹ See <https://facultycouncil.utexas.edu/degree-program-changes> for detailed explanations.

² Submit required Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board forms to the provost's office (lydia.cornell@austin.utexas.edu); downloadable from URL <https://facultycouncil.utexas.edu/theCb-forms>

³ **EXCLUSIVE:** of *exclusive* application and of primary interest only to a single college or school ("no protest" period is *seven calendar days*); **GENERAL:** of *general* interest to more than one college or school (but not for submission to the General Faculty) ("no protest" period is *fourteen calendar days*); *major* legislation must be submitted to the General Faculty for adoption ("no protest" period is *fourteen calendar days*).

⁴ The proposed text should be based on the text of the current catalog available at:

<http://catalog.utexas.edu/undergraduate/>

Strike through and replace (with underlines) only the specific language to be changed. Do NOT use track changes, and do not include hyperlinks in the catalog copy. Submit form electronically to the Office of the General Faculty and Faculty Council at fc@austin.utexas.edu. For questions on completing this section, please contact Victoria Cervantes, vc@austin.utexas.edu, 471-5934 or Brenda Schumann, brenda.schumann@austin.utexas.edu, 475-7654.