

# FINANCE, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (BSBA)

A student pursuing a bachelor of science in business administration degree can choose to major in finance. Finance teaches students about the financial operations and financial management of firms. Students learn about the financial records of firms, the character and appraisal of corporate securities, and financial techniques used in all phases of the discipline. In addition, students may choose elective subjects which permit them to aim at a particular segment of finance, such as corporate finance, commercial and investment banking, and financial planning. Certain courses are offered each semester; others are cycled every other semester or every other year to provide the greatest diversification possible.

Finance majors are encouraged to join the Finance & Economics, and Rock Solid Investment Club. These student organizations sponsor a variety of professional and social activities such as informal gatherings among students, invited guest speakers, annual networking trips, tours, and travel.

All majors are encouraged to do an internship in the summer semester between their junior and senior year. Students may seek placements in their individual area of interest. Internships are available in the areas of banking, insurance, financial advising, financial services, manufacturing and government. In today's market, employers often offer internships to attract qualified students to their firms.

Finance majors are particularly well suited for positions in the private or public sector that require knowledge of financial institutions and financial operations such as commercial banks, investment services companies, insurance companies, and real estate firms.

## Program Learning Outcomes

- **Communication:** Students graduating with a degree in business administration will demonstrate competency in oral and written communication skills. Students will:
  - Prepare in proper format and style the following documents: business report (one to two pages), business memo, research report and presentation.
  - Deliver an effective oral presentation on a business and/or professional topic.
- **Critical Thinking and Problem Solving:** Students graduating with a degree in business administration will demonstrate effective critical thinking and problem solving skills. Students will:
  - Apply critical thinking skills to analyze and interpret financial statements to judge business performance.
  - Apply critical thinking skills using quantitative techniques for problem solving and strategic decision making.
- **Degree Program Writing Competency:** Students will create written business and professional documents in appropriate style and format.
- **Ethics:** Students graduating with a degree in business administration will have acquired the necessary skills and knowledge to meet professional competencies as business professionals and global citizens. Students will demonstrate:

- An understanding of the history and vocabulary unique to business disciplines.
- Knowledge of procedures, concepts, and technical business skills through practical application (forecasting, budgeting, financial statement analyses, business plans, strategic planning).
- The ability to read and interpret financial statements in the decision-making process.
- Effective team work and collaborative skills in a simulated business environment.
- **Information Technology:** Students will demonstrate proficiency in the use of computers and software to manage information with statistical analysis, spreadsheet, database and other appropriate applications.
- **Professional Proficiency:** Students graduating with a degree in business administration will have acquired the necessary skills and knowledge to meet professional competencies as business professionals and global citizens. Students will demonstrate:
  - An understanding of the history and vocabulary unique to finance disciplines.
  - Knowledge of procedures, concepts, and technical finance skills through practical application (forecasting, budgeting, financial statement analyses, business plans, strategic planning).
  - The ability to read and interpret financial statements in the decision-making process.
  - Effective team work and collaborative skills in a simulated business environment.

## Related Links

Finance, BSBA Program Page (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/finance/>)

Accounting, Economics and Finance Department Page (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/colleges-and-departments/cob/school-of-business/accounting-economics-and-finance/>)

Professional Licensure/Certification Page (<https://www.sru.edu/students/student-consumer-information/professional-licensures/>)

## Curriculum Guide

### GPA Requirement

Major GPA: 2.0 or higher

Overall GPA: 2.0 or higher

Core GPA: 2.0 or higher

### Summary\*

Code	Title	Hours
	Rock Studies 2 Requirements	42-43
	Other Basic Requirements	0-3
	Computer Competency	0-3
	Major Requirements	60
	Electives	18

\* All undergraduate degree programs require a minimum of 120 credits. Some courses meet multiple requirements, but are only counted once toward the 120 credit total required to graduate.

## Rock Studies 2 Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>The Rock</b>		
SUBJ 139	Foundations of Academic Discovery <sup>1</sup>	3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
Select one of the following:		3-4
MATH 117	Quantitative Reasoning	
MATH 123	Introduction to Applied Calculus	
MATH 225	Calculus I	
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLS 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
Subtotal		15-16
<b>Integrated Inquiry</b>		
<i>Creative and Aesthetic Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits ( <a href="https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/">https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/</a> )		3
<i>Humanities Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits ( <a href="https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/">https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/</a> )		3
<i>Social Science Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits ( <a href="https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/">https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/</a> )		3
<i>Natural Sciences Inquiry</i>		
SCI 101	Science of Life	3
<i>Physical Sciences Inquiry</i>		
SCI 102	Understanding the Physical World	3
Subtotal		15
<b>Thematic Thread</b>		
Select 12 Credits ( <a href="https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/">https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/</a> ) <sup>2</sup>		12
Required Thematic Thread Coursework:		
ECON 202	Principles of Microeconomics	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>42-43</b>

<sup>1</sup> Course offered in multiple subjects; cannot take course in first major subject.

<sup>2</sup> One course from each category; six credits must be 300-level or above; no more than 4 credits from one subject area; specific courses required in first major, regardless of prefix of course, cannot be used to satisfy thread requirements; any course with same prefix as first major cannot be used to satisfy thread requirements, even if it is not a course in the first major.

## Basic Math Requirement

Check with your adviser or a current degree audit report to see if you have been exempted from this course. The credit earned in this course will not be counted toward the 120 credit hour minimum needed to earn a degree.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		0-3
Meet required minimum SAT or ACT math score OR		

Code	Title	Hours
ESAP 110	Beginning Algebra	0-3

## Computer Competency

Code	Title	Hours
Demonstrate "computer competency" by one of the following:		0-3
Pass Computer Competency Exam OR		
Select one of the following at SRU or another post-secondary institution:		
CPSC 100	Introduction to Computing for Liberal Arts	
CPSC 110	Computer Concepts	
CPSC 130	Introduction to Computing and Programming	
PE 202	Technology for Wellness	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>0-3</b>

## DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION REQUIREMENT

Students must take and pass a course with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation prior to graduation. Students can meet this requirement by taking any DEI - designated course in any program at any time during their undergraduate career.

## Major Requirements

- 30 major credits must be taken at SRU or PASSHE
- 30 major credits must be taken at the 300 level or above

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Business Administration Core Requirements</b>		
ECON 201	Principles of Macroeconomics <sup>1</sup>	3
ACCT 209	Financial Accounting <sup>1</sup>	3
ECON 219	Business Analytics I <sup>1</sup>	3
or MGMT 219	Business Analytics I	
ECON 319	Business Analytics II <sup>1</sup>	3
or MGMT 319	Business Analytics II	
ACCT 322	Business Analysis and Decision Making <sup>1</sup>	3
MGMT 320	Operations Management <sup>1</sup>	3
MRKT 230	Principles of Marketing <sup>1</sup>	3
MGMT 351	Organizational Behavior <sup>1</sup>	3
FIN 303	Issues in Global Business <sup>1</sup>	3
or MGMT 303	Issues in Global Business	
or MRKT 303	Issues in Global Business	
FIN 320	Managerial Finance <sup>1</sup>	3
ACCT 340	Legal Environment of Business <sup>1</sup>	3
MGMT 458	Business Capstone <sup>1</sup>	3
MIS 265	Management Information Systems <sup>1</sup>	3
Subtotal		39
<b>Required Computer Science Course</b>		
CPSC 210	Productivity Software <sup>1</sup>	3
or MIS 210	Productivity Software	
Subtotal		3
<b>Required Finance Courses<sup>2</sup></b>		
FIN 100	Personal Financial Planning <sup>2</sup>	3
FIN 321	Investments <sup>2</sup>	3
FIN 323	Financial Markets and Institutions <sup>2</sup>	3

FIN 326	Intermediate Corporate Finance <sup>2</sup>	3
FIN 427	International Financial Management <sup>2</sup>	3
Subtotal		15
<b>Required Electives <sup>2</sup></b>		
Select one of the following options:		6
FIN 3XX/4XX	Finance 300/400-Level Electives <sup>2</sup>	
OR		
FIN 3XX/4XX	Finance 300/400-Level Electives PLUS one of the following: <sup>2</sup>	
ECON 301	Macroeconomic Analysis <sup>2</sup>	
ECON 302	Microeconomic Analysis <sup>2</sup>	
ECON 304	Money and Banking <sup>2</sup>	
ECON 318	Introduction to Econometrics <sup>2</sup>	
Subtotal		6
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>63</b>

<sup>1</sup> Course counts for 50% of Major and not for Major GPA  
<sup>2</sup> Course counts for 50% of Major and Major GPA  
\* Some courses may require pre-requisites. Please see course descriptions to determine if there are any pre-requisites for that specific course.

### Co-curricular and Experiential Learning

Students are encouraged to explore additional curricular and co-curricular opportunities. These opportunities can deepen and enhance the learning in accounting, economics and finance. In addition, there is a strong correlation between long-term student success and engagement in these opportunities:

1. Internships
2. Participation in student organizations
3. International study programs (short-term, semester, and year-long)
4. High-Impact Practice (HIP) designated classes
5. Student-faculty research
6. Student leadership development
7. Service-learning classes
8. Career education and development

### Important Curriculum Guide Notes

This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should note that the My Rock Audit may place already-earned and/or in progress courses in different, yet valid, curriculum categories. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisers to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. *The information on this guide is current as of the date listed. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University.*

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## Recommended Four-Year Plan

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
ECON 201	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ESAP 101	FIRST Seminar *	1
Select one of the following:		3-4
MATH 117	Quantitative Reasoning	
MATH 123	Introduction to Applied Calculus	
MATH 225	Calculus I	
SUBJ 139	Foundations of Academic Discovery <sup>1</sup>	3
CPSC 210	Productivity Software	3
or MIS 210	or Productivity Software	
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16-17</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
ECON 202	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
SCI 101	Science of Life	3
or SCI 102	or Understanding the Physical World	
Creative & Aesthetic Inquiry ( <a href="https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/">https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/</a> )		3
Humanities Inquiry ( <a href="https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/">https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/</a> )		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
ECON 219	Business Analytics I	3
or MGMT 219	or Business Analytics I	
ACCT 209	Financial Accounting	3
MIS 265	Management Information Systems	3
MRKT 230	Principles of Marketing	3
SCI 101	Science of Life	3
or SCI 102	or Understanding the Physical World	
Declare a Thematic Thread <sup>2</sup>		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
ECON 319	Business Analytics II	3
or MGMT 319	or Business Analytics II	
FIN 303	Issues in Global Business	3
or MGMT 303	or Issues in Global Business	
or MRKT 303	or Issues in Global Business	
MGMT 320	Operations Management	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLS 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
Thematic Thread Requirement ( <a href="https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/">https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/</a> )		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
FIN 320	Managerial Finance	3

ACCT 322	Business Analysis and Decision Making	3
MGMT 351	Organizational Behavior	3
Thematic Thread Requirement ( <a href="https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/">https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/</a> )		3
Free Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
ACCT 340	Legal Environment of Business	3
FIN 321	Investments	3
FIN 323	Financial Markets and Institutions	3
Thematic Thread Requirement ( <a href="https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/">https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/</a> )		3
Free Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
FIN 326	Intermediate Corporate Finance	3
Finance Elective		3
Thematic Thread Requirement ( <a href="https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/">https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/</a> )		3
Free Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
Free Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
FIN 427	International Financial Management	3
MGMT 458	Business Capstone	3
Finance Elective		3
Free Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
Free Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Hours**</b>		<b>121-122</b>

<sup>1</sup> Course offered in multiple subjects; cannot take course in first major subject.

<sup>2</sup> Work with your Academic Adviser to declare a Thematic Thread by the end of your fall semester in your second year.

\* Students are encouraged to take ESAP 101 as a Free Elective.

<sup>3</sup> Students may consider using Free Electives for a second major or minor in Accounting or Economics.

- Note: By choosing the suggested options, students can finish with BSBA double majors in Finance and Economics, or a major in Finance with a minor in Economics.

\*\* This document is meant to serve as a guide. Some planners may show more than 120 credits because faculty have created flexibility in choosing courses. However, only 120 credits are required to obtain a degree. Please consult with your academic adviser and refer to your curriculum guide prior to registering for courses. This plan should be reviewed, and verified, by you and your academic adviser at least once each academic year.

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