

Explore Business Careers

FINANCE

Office of Career Management



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What is Finance?

- Tracking and predicting economic developments to increase efficiency and profit
- Typically responsible for funds and cost analysis, investments, the formulating of credit, and other financial operating policies



Day in the Life

- [Financial and Investment Analyst](#)
- [Financial Managers](#)
- [Wealth Advisor](#)

- *Sourced from CareerOneStop and Candid Career*



Characteristics for Success

Attention to detail

An appetite for risk

“Big picture” oriented

Collaborative

Innovative

Strategic and analytical



Preparation

- A bachelor's degree is considered essential for entry into the field of finance in positions of promise
- College graduates can usually expect additional training by the employer to familiarize them with the firm's operating policies
- Some finance roles require additional credentials:
 - [Chartered Financial Analyst \(CFA\)](#)
 - [Certified Financial Planner \(CFP\)](#)
 - [Securities Industry Essentials \(SIE\) Exams](#)



Sample Finance Roles

Commercial Bank Management

- Management of deposits, lending activities, investments, bank capital, bank liquidity, and off-balance sheet activities

Financial Analyst

- Assess performance of stocks, bonds, and investments to provide guidance to businesses on making investment decisions

Investment Banking Analyst

- Build cases for or against investments in specific firms or industries

Personal Financial Advisor

- Provides financial advice and services to clients according to their specific needs

Sales and Trading

- Responsible for making markets in stocks, bonds, and derivatives



Sample Employers

Abercrombie & Fitch

Huntington National Bank

Accenture

Johnson & Johnson

Amazon

JPMorgan Chase & Co.

Crowe

Nestle

General Electric

Oracle



Salary Information

Fisher College of Business

Average Finance Salaries (2022-2023)

Full-time	\$73, 403 annually
Intern	\$24 hourly



Job Outlook

- Employment of financial analysts is projected to grow 8 percent from 2022 to 2032, faster than average for all occupations. A growing range of financial products and the need for in-depth knowledge of geographic regions are expected to lead to strong employment growth.
- Employment of financial examiners is projected to grow 20 percent from 2022 to 2032, much faster than the average for all occupations. Financial examiners will be in demand as financial institutions seek help with federal regulatory compliance.
- See the Occupational Outlook Handbook for additional information: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>



Fisher Resources

Academic Information

- [Finance Department](#)
- [Finance Specialization Course Information](#)

Extracurricular Information

- [Buckeye Capital Investors](#)
- [Common Cents Investment Group](#)
- [Undergraduate Finance Association](#)





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