

# DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

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## Why Study Finance?

- To prepare for positions in managerial finance, banking, insurance, and the securities industries.
- To become proficient in applying financial tools to investment and financing decisions.
- To develop analytical skills that can be used throughout a business career.
- To build a solid foundation for making personal financial decisions.

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Finance is to produce finance graduates who possess the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to excel in the financial community. The department's aim is to develop students who are competent, ethical, and capable of meeting the challenges of an increasingly complex, global environment.

## Goals

The goals of the department are:

- to achieve excellence in teaching while offering students a curriculum based on leading-edge financial skills and techniques,
- to increase the body of knowledge in the finance professions through applied scholarship activities, and
- to provide applied research, consulting, and advisory services to the business and professional community.

## Distinctive Features

- FMA (Student Chapter of Financial Management Association)
- Towson University Investment Group
- Women in Finance Club
- Internships in Finance
- Certified Financial Planning (CFP) Board Registered Program
- Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute University Recognized Program
- Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Scholarships
- WMS Partners Future Leaders in Finance Scholarship
- Stacie Smith Swanstrom Finance Scholarship
- Northwestern Mutual Scholarship and Mentoring Program
- The Pat Collins Diversity Financial Planning Scholarships (one for juniors and one for seniors each year)

## Admissions

### Requirements for Admission to the Business Administration Major

Students are admitted to the major in Business Administration (BUAD) after first being admitted to Towson University. Admission to TU does not guarantee admission to the major. In order to be admitted, students must satisfy the following requirements:

- Cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher for all course work.
- Grade of C or higher in each of the Courses Required for Admission to Major (required courses can be viewed on each concentration page within the requirements section).

Degree candidates intending to major in Business Administration are designated as "pre-Business Administration" (PBUA) until admission into the BUAD major. Students are required to meet each term with their assigned faculty adviser to evaluate their progress toward completing the requirements for admission to the major and the degree.

At the start of each term and before registration, the CBE Student Academic and Career Services office will notify PBUA students of their admission status by email to their TU email addresses. Students will not be allowed to take upper-level "majors-only" CBE courses until being admitted to the Business Administration major.

## Majors

- Major in Business Administration - Finance
- Major in Business Administration - Financial Planning
- Major in Business Administration - Investments

## Minors

- Minor in Finance

## Faculty

*Professors:* Babu Baradwaj, Michael Dewally, Susan Flaherty (Chairperson), Bharat Jain, Yingying Shao

*Associate Professors:* Lijing Du, Rachel Gordon, Jian Huang

*Assistant Professor:* Qing Yan

*Lecturers:* John Varvaris, Joseph Wesolowski, Christine Yates