

# DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

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## Why Study Finance?

- To prepare for positions in managerial finance, banking, insurance, and 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 function effectively 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:

1. to achieve excellence in teaching while offering students a curriculum based on leading-edge financial skills and techniques,
2. to increase the body of knowledge in the finance professions through applied scholarship activities, and
3. 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
- Internships in Finance
- Student Recognition Award – Kathryn H. Gerling Scholarship
- Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Scholarships

## Requirements for Admission to the Business Administration Major

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

1. Formal admission to TU as a degree candidate
2. Cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher for all course work
3. Grade equivalent of 2.00 or higher in each course required for admission to the BUAD major
4. Minimum average GPA of 2.70 for ALL of the courses required for admission to the BUAD major:
  - ACCT 201
  - ECON 201
  - ECON 202

- ECON 205
- MATH 211 or MATH 273
- LEGL 225

No more than two courses may be repeated, of which no more than one course may be repeated twice.

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 Towson email addresses. Students who take upper-level "majors-only" CBE courses before being admitted to the Business Administration major do so at their own risk.

- Major in Business Administration - Finance (<http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/business-economics/business-administration/finance-bs>)
- Major in Business Administration - Financial Planning (<http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/business-economics/business-administration/financial-planning-bs>)
- Major in Business Administration - Investments (<http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/business-economics/business-administration/investments-bs>)
- Minor in Finance (<http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/business-economics/finance/finance-minor>)