Option: Finance

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A FINANCE OPTION?

There are many career opportunities for a student graduating with a degree in business and the finance option. These areas include corporate and international financial management, personal financial planning and investment services. Brokerage firms, commercial and investment banks, insurance companies, and other financial intermediary companies employ finance graduates.

WHO HIRES FINANCE GRADUATES?
The most common employers include finance and insurance companies, banks, credit agencies, securities and commodities, brokerage houses, and government offices.

ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS:
• Certified Financial Planner (CFP): Personal financial advisors are encouraged and sometimes required to seek this certification. The requirements include academic credits, passing a comprehensive set of exams, and following a strict code of ethics. A certification as a Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) is also useful in this field.
• Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA): A designation sponsored by the CFA Institute. You must qualify for this exam by having a bachelor’s degree and four years of professional experience in a relevant field. You are then able to take three rigorous exams over the course of three years.

RECENT GRADUATES:
Amber Stenson ’15
Assistant Trust Funding Coordinator, law student, Scott, Tokerud & McCarty, P.C. Great Falls, Montana

Brad Penoyer ’13
Sr. Corporate Development & Strategy Analyst, Janus Capital Group Denver, Colorado

Information below collected by the Jake Jabs College of Business & Entrepreneurship

WHO HIRES OUR FINANCE STUDENTS?
Here are some examples of employers who have hired our finance students (some double majors) either as an intern or employee (2010-2015):

Annual Salary Range - National Data
Full-time: $35,000 to $80,000+

Potential Job Titles
Accountant
Actuary
Administrator
Auditor
Bank Examiner
Budget Analyst
Budget Director
Business Analyst
Business Owner
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Chief Financial Officer (CFO)
Chief Operating Officer (COO)
Commercial Portfolio Manager
Credit Analyst
Credit Counselor
Credit Officer
Director of Finance
Finance Coordinator
Finance Manager
Finance Supervisor
Financial Analyst
Financial Consultant
Financial Crimes Specialist
Financial Examiner
Financial Planner
Financial Reporting Specialist
Financial Services Representative
Hedge Fund Manager
Insurance Agent
Investment Banker
Internal Auditor
Loan Officer
Personal Financial Advisor
President of a Bank
Professor of Finance
Retail Banker
Senior Financial Analyst
Senior Vice President
Treasurer
Vice President of Finance

For more info: www.montana.edu/business/prospective-students/career-employment-information.html