SELECTING FINANCE AS YOUR FOCUS

Do you have an aptitude for math and statistics? Are you also inquisitive, outgoing and able to express your ideas clearly? If so, a finance major may be the right path for you. And if you are intrigued by aspects of residential and commercial properties, then you may choose to focus your concentration in Finance, Insurance & Real Estate (FIR).

In addition to gaining business acumen, when you study finance, you’ll learn how to creatively solve problems using a number-driven approach. This degree choice gives you a broad skill set to prepare you for vast field of job opportunities, yet offers a narrow focus to distinguish you from other business majors.

A CAREER IN DEMAND

Careers in finance, insurance and real estate offer lucrative earning potential in a field that expects continued growth. Holding a degree in finance makes you adaptable to every industry, because the crux of any business is financial return for all stakeholders. Companies (including not-for-profit and profit-with-purpose sectors) rely on financial professionals to manage corporate assets and attract capital investment.

FINANCE RANKS HIGH AS DEGREE CHOICE & CAREER PATH

- Job Growth Rate for Financial Managers 2018-28 (bls.gov/ooh) 16%
- Job Growth Rate for Real Estate Brokers 2018-28 (bls.gov/ooh) 7%
- Job Growth Rate for Real Estate Appraisers & Assessors 2018-28 (bls.gov/ooh) 7%

OUR FACULTY

Faculty in the FIR department at the Fogelman College of Business & Economics (FCBE) bring professional experience in corporations, banks and financial institutions to provide deeper insight to the classroom.

Many of our faculty are prolific authors and have published research in prestigious finance publications. They inspire students to participate in academic research and student competitions to prepare them for careers or post-graduate degrees.

Our faculty are widely cited and internationally renowned. To highlight a few exciting initiatives, Dr. PK Jain is the Principal Investigator for the Robinhood Markets Financial Education for Student Athletes grant that UofM received among other universities such as Duke and UC Berkeley. FIR Assistant Professor and Dr. Kontantin Sokolov, received the Dimension Fund Award for the best paper published in the Journal of Finance.

FIR faculty members include Professors Jeff Black, Allen Carrion, Fred Dewald, Jan Hanousek, Pankaj Jain, Shawn McFarland, Napoleon Overton, Allison Potter, Sabatino (Dino) Silveri, Konstantin Sokolov, Mark Sunderman, Tzveta Vateva and Velma Zahirovic-Herbert.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Alexander Beis
BBA Finance, ’23
President, FCBE Finance Club

“I chose FCBE because I wanted to be involved with a University that has ties to top-tier companies such as FedEx and International Paper. I believe that finance has proven to be an excellent degree, as I’ve made strong connections with people working in the field and have enjoyed many great experiences that FCBE has provided. Along with a rigorous FIR course load, the CPCD has hosted events with individual companies that led me to an internship and a full-time job upon graduating.”
**OUR PROGRAM**

As a FIR major at FCBE, you’ll study the theory, structure and techniques for making decisions that impact businesses, including acquisition of funds and capital budgeting. Our program provides the foundations of investment analysis, investment banking, trading market microstructure, commercial banking and financial institutions management, international finance and real estate. Plus, FIR majors can aim for holistic development by taking some courses in accounting, economics and technology.

**Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) with Major in Finance**

- Finance (BBA)
  - Includes tracks in corporate finance, banking, CFP® exam, CFA® Charterholder exam and FinTech
- Finance and Real Estate Concentration (BBA)
- Minors (available to business majors and non-business majors)
  - Banking and Financial Services; Business Finance; Property Management; Real Estate; Risk Management and Insurance

**Master of Science in Business Administration (MSBA) with Concentration in Finance**

**Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Business Administration with Concentration in Finance**

**Program Tracks**

- Financial Analyst Track
  - Six-course program can be incorporated into your FIR degree path to earn a certificate and prepare you to obtain a CFA® credential.
- Financial Planning Track
  - Six-course program endorsed by the national CFP Board* to meet educational core requirements to sit for the CFP® exam.
- Professional Real Estate Track
  - Six-course program, independent of a degree path, that provides enhanced foundational knowledge in real estate law, real estate finance, real estate appraisal and real estate investment. There is more to real estate than being a sales agent or broker. This track is offered both on-campus or online to best fit your schedule.

**ONLINE ON YOUR TIME**

Earn your BBA in FIR online through UofM Global, which provides classes to suit your schedule and is affordable, with payment plans and scholarships available.

**WHAT DOES “AACSB ACCREDITED” MEAN?**

1. Accreditation means FCBE goes through a rigorous process of evaluation and scrutiny every five years to demonstrate engagement, innovation and impact.
2. FCBE is committed to develop, implement and maintain the highest level of quality education delivered to its students.
3. The work that you do at AACSB-accredited FCBE prepares you to make an immediate impact on the world upon graduation whether you’re beginning in a Fortune 500 company, working remotely from home or exercising your entrepreneurial spirit and starting your own business.

FROM CLASSROOM TO CAREER
FIR majors at the Fogelman College of Business & Economics have unique access to networking opportunities and internships.

- **Financial Infrastructure Stability and Cyber-security (FISC) Center**
  - Interdisciplinary research consortium on financial infrastructure stability and big data analytics

- **Cook Analytics & Trading Lab**
  - Students replicate a Wall Street trading environment using Bloomberg terminals with many training and certification opportunities.
    - Bloomberg, WRDS, TAQ and 28 FISC Data workshops available

- **Center for Professional Career Development (CPCD)**
  - Offers business etiquette, ethics, resume building, mock interviewing and career counseling
  - Internship and career fairs held in the spring and fall

- **Internships with Major Companies through Fogelman Internship Network (FIN)**

- **Student Programs & Professional Organizations**
  - TVA Portfolio, TVA Business Case, Bloomberg Trading Challenge

- **Student Programs & Professional Organizations**
  - The Fogelman Finance Club
  - Futures in Finance Program
  - CFA Institute Investment Research Challenge
  - Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Student Managed Portfolio
  - Lambda Alpha Real Estate Fraternity, Student Organization

SCHOLARSHIPS
- Available to students majoring in FIR

**FCBE FACTS AND FEATURES**

- **Nationally Ranked**
- **No. 1 Online MBA**
- **AACSB Accredited**
  (prestigious; granted to fewer than 5% of schools worldwide)
- **Customizable MBA**
- **Complete Professional Program**
- **Cook Analytics and Trading Lab**
- **Customer NeuroInsight Research Lab**
  (EEG, eye tracking, automated facial expression recognition, GSR, HR/HRV, pupilometry)
- **Network of More Than 30,000 Alumni**
- **100 Full-time Faculty**
  Nearly 90% hold doctoral degrees (including multiple Chairs of Excellence professors)
- **Partnerships**
  FedEx Center for Supply Chain Management, FedEx Institute of Technology (STEP), PSI Center for Workplace Diversity and Inclusion, the Methodist LeBonheur Center for Healthcare Economics

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