

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, MAJOR IN FINANCE

Each BBA degree consists of:

- [University Core Curriculum](#) (MATH 1324 should be used to satisfy Core Component II)
- Business Core (see list below)
- Computer Literacy course (MGIS 1305 or CSTE 1330)
- Major Required courses
- Elective(s)
- COBA Career Readiness Academy I & II (<https://shsu.edu/academics/business-administration/center-for-building-business-professionals/career-readiness/>)

Note: Transfer students must take at least 50% of the required business curriculum for the BBA in residence at Sam Houston State University, which may include courses taken at [The Woodlands Center](#) campus or through [SHSU Online](#).

Additional information: Reference the Program Landing Page (<https://www.shsu.edu/programs/bachelor-of-business-administration-in-finance/>) for additional information, such as cost, delivery format, contact information, or to schedule a visit.

Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Business Administration, Major in Finance		
Core Curriculum (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/)		
Component Area I (Communication)		6
Component Area II (Mathematics) ¹		3
Component Area III (Life and Physical Science)		8
Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture)		3
Component Area V (Creative Arts)		3
Component Area VI (U.S. History)		6
Component Area VII (Political Science/Government)		6
Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences) ²		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option) ³		4
Degree Specific Requirements		
MATH 1324	Mathematics for Managerial Decision Making ¹	3
MGIS 1305	Business Computer Applications	3
	or CSTE 1330	Introduction to Computers
Business Core		
ACCT 2301	Principles of Financial Accounting	3
ACCT 2302	Principles of Managerial Accounting	3
BANA 2372	Business Analysis	3
BANA 3363	Inter Business Analysis	3
BUAD 3301	Business Legal Environment	3
BUAD 3335	Business Communication	3
ECON 2301	Principles Of Macroeconomics	3
ECON 2302	Principles Of Microeconomics ²	3
FINC 3320	Business Finance	3
MGIS 3310	Principles of Management Information Systems (MIS)	3
MGMT 3310	Principles Of Management	3
MGMT 4390	Strategic Management & Policy	3
MKTG 3310	Principles Of Marketing	3
SCMG 3370	Operations Management	3
Major: Foundation		
ACCT 3313	Intermediate Accounting I	3

ACCT 3314 or ACCT 3347	Intermediate Accounting II ⁴ Cost Accounting	3
FINC 3310	Financial Institutions and Markets	3
FINC 3330	Financial Spreadsheet Modeling	3
FINC 3345	Financial Data Visualization	3
FINC 4320	Commercial Bank Management	3
FINC 4335	Financial Statement and Credit Analysis	3
FINC 4345	Investments	3
FINC 4390	Managerial Finance	3
Major: Prescribed Electives		
Prescribed Business Electives ⁵		6
Electives: General		
General Elective		3
Minor: Not Required ^{6,7}		
Total Hours		120

¹ MATH 1324 is required for COBA and satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area II (Mathematics).

² ECON 2302 is a Business Core course and should be taken to satisfy the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences).

³ BUAD 1301 or BUAD 2321 is suggested to fulfill the three-hour credit of the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IX (Component Area Option). The following courses satisfy one credit hour of the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IX (Component Area Option): ECON 1100, KINE 2115, MCOM 1130, NGLI 1101, or UNIV 1101.

⁴ ACCT 3314 is recommended.

⁵ Select two courses from the below Prescribed Business Electives course listing. Students wishing to double major in Finance and Banking & Financial Institutions should select FINC 4325 and FINC 4330 as their prescribed business electives.

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⁷ The following minors cannot be paired with this degree program: Minor in Finance, Minor in General Business Administration.

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FINC Electives ⁵		
Select two from the following:		6
BUAD 3355	Business Law ¹	
BUAD 4310	Securities Regulation ¹	
ECON 3357	Intermediate Microeconomics ²	
ECON 4373	Monetary Economics ²	
FINC 3340	Financial Analytics	
FINC 4080	Independent Study	
FINC 4085	Special Topic	
FINC 4315	Entrepreneurial and Small Firm Finance ³	
FINC 4325	Selling Financial Services	
FINC 4330	Commercial Bank Lending	
FINC 4340	International Finance	
FINC 4355	Securities Analysis and Portfolio Management ³	
FINC 4365	Seminar in Financial Derivatives ⁴	
FINC 4375	Investment Technologies	
FINC 4389	Undergraduate Internship in Finance	
Total Hours		6

¹ Only one of BUAD 3355 or BUAD 4310 may count.

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Notes

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First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area III (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)		4 Component Area III (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)	4
Component Area IX (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix) ¹		1 Component Area V (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav)	3
ENGL 1301 ²		3 ENGL 1302 ²	3
HSTY 1301 ³		3 HSTY 1302 ³	3
MATH 1324 ⁴		3 MGIS 1305 or CSTE 1330	3
		14	16

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area IV (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiiv)		3 Component Area IX (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix) ⁶	3
ACCT 2301		3 ACCT 2302	3
BANA 2372		3 ECON 2302 ⁷	3
ECON 2301		3 FINC 3320	3
POLS 2305 ⁵		3 POLS 2306 ⁵	3
		15	15

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
BANA 3363		3 ACCT 3313	3
BUAD 3301		3 BUAD 3335	3
FINC 3310		3 FINC 3345	3
FINC 3330		3 FINC 4320	3
MGMT 3310		3 MGIS 3310	3
		15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ACCT 3314 or 3347 ⁸		3 FINC 4390	3
FINC 4335		3 General Elective	3
FINC 4345		3 MGMT 4390	3
MKTG 3310		3 Prescribed Business Electives ⁹	6

SCMG 3370	3	
	15	15

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The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) marketable skills initiative is part of the state's **60x30TX plan** and was designed to help students articulate their skills to employers. Marketable skills are those skills valued by employers and/or graduate programs that can be applied in a variety of work or education settings and may include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas.

The BBA in Finance is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Understanding of investments including: the ability to quantify price and yield metrics and measure performance for both fixed-income and equity securities singularly and in portfolios; understanding risk, return, and diversification; and understanding options both for hedging and speculation.
- Understand the function of the financial system, including the operations and structure of the Federal Reserve and banking system, bond markets, stock markets, and understanding money markets.
- Proficiency in calculating historical and prospective financial ratios used in analyzing financial statement data, in manipulating financial accounting data as needed to gain a broader understanding of financial accounting relationships, and in interpreting financial ratios and similar metrics used in making investment and financing decisions.
- Ability to create and analyze information useful to the managers of a firm, including understanding and explaining the cost of capital, cash flows as they form the basis for valuation of real and financial assets, and demonstrating the ability to summarize and analyze potential investment projects.