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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

## » Finance Pathway Program

**CHART YOUR PATH** to a bachelor's degree in finance and a master's degree in accounting and the credentials to sit for the CPA exam. Financial innovation has fundamentally changed the highly integrated worlds of finance and accounting. Businesses today operate in a rapidly evolving environment of dynamic financial markets, advances in technology, innovations in financial contracting and increasingly complex financial instruments. College graduates need to be prepared for this continually evolving environment. The Department of Finance and School of Accounting in the Spears School of Business developed the Finance Pathway Program to provide students with the skills and breadth of knowledge necessary to be successful in this dynamic global economy.

### » Prepare for the future

The Finance Pathway Program is a five-year program designed for undergraduate finance majors with a desire to obtain a Master of Science degree in Accounting and a CPA. Finance majors in the Pathway Program will be awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a major in Finance (B.S.B.A.–Finance) on completion of the undergraduate degree requirements and a Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Accounting on completion of all required graduate course work. At the end of the program, the graduate will have a B.S.B.A. in Finance, an M.S. in Accounting and the necessary credentials to sit for the CPA exam.

Finance majors in the Finance Pathway Program begin work on a Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Accounting after completion of 90 hours of undergraduate course work. Therefore, finance majors interested in the Pathway Program must apply and gain admission to the M.S. in Accounting program in the second semester of their junior year. Undergraduate finance students accepted in the M.S. in Accounting program take a combination of undergraduate and graduate courses during their fourth and fifth years at OSU. As an undergraduate finance major a student in the Finance Pathway Program will substitute 12 hours of accounting into the student's plan of study. As Accounting graduate students (during the fourth and fifth years in residence), the finance majors in the Finance Pathway Program are required to take fifteen (15) hours of graduate finance courses.

### » Apply now

Specific information on the course requirements for the Finance Pathway Program can be found at [http://spears.okstate.edu/finance/files/pathway\\_program.pdf](http://spears.okstate.edu/finance/files/pathway_program.pdf) Students interested in the Finance Pathway Program should visit with the Head of the Finance Department, the Coordinator of the M.S. in Accounting program, or their advisors for additional information about the Finance Pathway Program.

<http://spears.okstate.edu/finance/degrees/pathway>

### » Admission requirements

**Overall GPA:** 3.0

**ACCT GPA:** 3.25

**GMAT:** 550 or higher

## Department of Finance

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» Course requirements

Undergraduate Program Requirements		
<b>Accounting Requirements</b>		
ACCT 3013	Federal Income Taxation	3
ACCT 3103	Intermediate Accounting I	3
ACCT 3113	Intermediate Accounting II	3
ACCT 3203	Cost Accounting	3
ACCT 3603	Accounting Information Systems	3
ACCT 4133	Advanced Accounting	3
ACCT 4503	Audit Assurance Services	3
<b>Sub-Total Accounting</b>		<b>21</b>
<b>Finance Requirements</b>		
ECON 3313 (Req)	Money and Banking	3
FIN 4223 (Req)	Investments	3
FIN 4333 (Req)	Financial Management	3
FIN 4213 (Req)	International Financial Management	3
FIN 4813 (Req)	Portfolio Management (Spring Only)	3
<b>Choose ONE from the following:</b>		3
FIN 3613	General Insurance	
FIN 3713	Real Estate	
FIN 4113	Financial Markets and Institutions	
FIN 4363	Energy Finance	
FIN 4843	Risk Management	
<b>Sub-Total Finance</b>		<b>18</b>
	Communications requirement	3
	Sub-Total Communications	3
	Elective requirement	1
<b>Sub-Total Elective</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>Total Undergraduate Credits (General and Department Specific)</b>		<b>120</b>

Graduate Program Requirements		
<b>Accounting Requirements</b>		
ACCT 5103 (Req)	Seminar in Contemporary Accounting Theory I	3
ACCT 5113 (Req)	Financial Accounting Research	3
ACCT 5503 (Req)	Advanced Audit and Assurance Services	3
<b>Required Graduate Level Accounting Courses</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Choose TWO of the following</b>		6
ACCT 5133	International Oil and Gas Accounting	
ACCT 5153	Financial Statement Analysis	
ACCT 5543	Fraud Examination	
ACCT 5233	Valuation and Business Risk Management	
ACCT 5513	Advanced Auditing and Assurance Services	
ACCT 5603	Accounting-Based Information Systems	
ACCT 5753	Seminar in International Accounting	
<b>Choose ONE of the following</b>		
ACCT 5XXX	International Accounting Experience	
ACCT 5830	Graduate Internship in Accounting	
ACCT 5840	Spec. Topics -- CPA Review	
ACCT 5850	Practicum in Professional Accounting	
<b>Graduate Level Accounting Electives</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Finance Requirements</b>		
FIN 5053 (Req)	Theory and Practice of Financial Management	3
FIN 5763 (Req)	Derivative Securities and the Management of Financial Price Risk	3
<b>Choose THREE of the following</b>		9
FIN 5153	Corporate Financial Strategy	
FIN 5213	International Business Finance	
FIN 5223	Investment Theory and Strategy	
FIN 5243	Financial Markets	
FIN 5333	Corporate Governance	
FIN 5550	Special Topics: <i>Either</i> Fixed Income or Risk Management or Energy Finance *	
<b>Graduate Level Finance Requirements</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Graduate Credits (Required and Elective)</b>		<b>33</b>
<b>Total Credits for the Finance Pathways Program</b>		<b>153</b>

\* A student may take a maximum of four (4) different Special Topics courses (FIN 5550)

## Department of Finance