

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

FINANCE CONCENTRATION



Financial analysts use data to value assets and make data-driven decisions.

UCR's business administration major with a finance concentration ensures students attain proficiency in valuation, a fundamental skill applicable to all future finance careers. Finance career paths typically fall into three primary categories: investments, corporate finance, and commercial banking.

- 1. Investments:** involves the valuation of assets including stocks, bonds, and venture capital to make informed investment decisions.
- 2. Corporate finance:** encompasses the valuation of projects to identify the most beneficial and cost-effective initiatives for a company.
- 3. Commercial banking:** combines real estate lending, banking services, and personal loans. Additionally, commercial banking may involve investing in companies, making it a blend of project and securities valuation.

WHY UCR?

No. 1

Public University for Social Mobility
U.S. News, 2020-2026

TOP 30

Public University Best Value Colleges
Forbes

Riverside has the
5TH HIGHEST JOB-GROWTH
pace in the U.S.

38%

Students from underrepresented racial groups

54%

First-generation students

40

World-renowned research faculty members

6

Business-specific, faculty-led study abroad programs

18+

Professional business clubs

University Affiliate Program



CFA Institute®

The Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a finance concentration at UCR is now a member of the CFA Institute's Affiliated University program. This signals a strong

alignment between the curriculum and investment management practices, aiding students in CFA exam preparation. This affiliation also allows finance students to apply for institute scholarships for the CFA and Certificate in Investment Performance Measurement exams.

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CONCENTRATION CAREERS

COURSES:

After completing the business administration degree core courses, you can choose among 80+ elective courses, including courses specifically designated to finance. The offerings span various depths, from Investments: Security Analysis and Portfolio Management to Current Topics in Finance and Entrepreneurial Finance.

BUSINESS & FINANCE INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

- Accounting Society at UC Riverside
- American Marketing Association (AMA)
- Association for Information Systems (AIS)
- Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA)
- Beta Alpha Psi
- Black Scholars in Business
- Business Entertainment Association
- Business Strategy Club (BSC)
- California Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- Highlander Business Society
- Highlander Consulting Group
- Highlander Financial Group
- Latino Business Student Association (LBSA)
- Phi Chi Theta
- Programming Club
- The Actuarial Science Club
- The Product Club
- Stratos Associates
- Student Business Leadership Council (SBLC)
- Supply Chain Society
- Undergraduate Business Association (UBA)
- Women in Business

KEY SKILLS YOU'LL GAIN:

- Financial reporting and analysis
- Communication and presentation skills
- Risk management
- Strong command of markets
- Strong quantitative skills for financial modeling using Excel and other tools
- Strong analytical skills to make business recommendations from financial data and industry trends

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

Salaries for finance positions can range from \$65,000 to \$130,000 in California. Jobs vary significantly by industry, experience level, management function, and location. Additionally, financial analyst jobs are projected to grow by 8% in the U.S. from 2022-2032. No matter where you start, the opportunity for you to thrive in your career is significant.

POTENTIAL CAREER PATHS:

- Financial Analyst
- Certified Financial Planner (CFP)
- Financial Advisor
- Equity Analyst
- Loan Underwriter
- Investment Banker

UPPER MANAGEMENT POSITIONS:

- Chief Financial Officer (CFO)
- Director of Finance



MANAGE A OVER \$200,000 INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO!

The Hylander Student Investment Fund at the UCR School of Business gives you hands-on, real-world experiences managing a financial portfolio! This experience is significant to add to your finance resume as you build a career in investments. Learn more at hsifbusiness.ucr.edu.



TOP EMPLOYERS:



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