

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IN FINANCE, CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNING TRACK

The Certified Financial Planner (CFP) track focuses on working directly with individuals, helping them to plan for and meet their short- and long-term financial goals. Students must learn to fully understand the client's financial situation as well as financial laws and legal documents. Investment types commonly dealt with include investments and security planning, estate planning, tax planning, employee benefits planning, and insurance planning.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The demand for qualified personal financial planners is growing rapidly. This demand is due in part to the many Americans who are reaching retirement age in need of personal financial planning expertise. A good financial planner understands investments, taxes, estate planning issues, and how to talk and listen to people. They work in financial services, banks, wealth management companies and independently as entrepreneurs in the field. YSU students who have successfully completed all requirements of BS in Finance CFP Track satisfy the education coursework requirement of the CFP Board and are eligible to sit for The CFP® Certification Examination.

All business majors are strongly encouraged to complete internships. Internships are career-related work experiences that enable students to apply their knowledge and skills in an organizational setting. In the WCBA, internships that are approved for academic credit must be paid. Completing a career-related internship increases a student's job opportunities upon graduation.

STUDENT EXPERIENCES

Finance students at Youngstown State University have the opportunity to build their knowledge and leadership skills through a variety of WCBA student organizations (<http://www.yсу.edu/academics/williamson-college-business-administration/student-organizations-and-experiences>), including the Student Investment Fund.

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
GENERAL EDUCATION		
ENGL 1550	Writing 1	3
ENGL 1551	Writing 2	3
PHIL 2628	Business Ethics	3
CMST 1545	Communication Foundations	3
GE: Arts & Humanities		3
GE: Natural Sciences	Onescience course must include a lab	7
GE: Social & Personal Awareness		6
BUSINESS TOOL COURSES		
Business Tool courses must be completed with the grade of a "C" or higher and cannot be taken credit/no credit.		
BUS 1500	Exploring Business	3
MATH 1552	Applied Mathematics for Management	4
ECON 2610	Principles 1: Microeconomics	3
ECON 2630	Principles 2: Macroeconomics	3
MGT 2604	Legal Environment of Business 1	3
ACCT 2602	Financial Accounting	3
ACCT 2603	Managerial Accounting	3
ACCT 2603L	Managerial Accounting Spreadsheet Lab	1
ENGL 3742	Business Writing	3

ECON 3790	Statistics for Business and Economics	5
BUSINESS CORE COURSES		
To enroll in upper level business courses a student must be successfully completed with ENGL 1550, ENGL 1551, PHIL 2628, CMST 1545, ALL Business Tool courses and have a minimum 2.5 overall GPA.		
Upper level business courses must be completed with the grade of a "C" or higher and cannot be taken credit/no credit.		
BUS 3715	Principles of International Business	3
FIN 3720	Business Finance	3
MKTG 3702	Business Professionalism	1
MKTG 3703	Marketing Concepts and Practice	3
MGT 3725	Fundamentals of Management	3
MGT 3761	Management Information Systems	3
MGT 3789	Operations Management	3
MGT 4850	Strategic Management and Leadership	3
CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNING REQUIRED COURSES		
FIN 3715	Planning Your Financial Future	3
FIN 3726	Risk Management	3
FIN 3730	Investment Planning	4
FIN 4833	Retirement Plans & Employee Benefits	4
FIN 4838	Financial Plan Development	4
ACCT 4813	Federal Taxation 1	4
ACCT 4815	Estate Planning	3
FINANCE UPPER LEVEL COURSE		
Select 4 SH of upper level Finance courses not included in major.		
BUSINESS UPPER LEVEL COURSES		
Select 12 SH of upper level business courses (ACCT, ADV, BUS, ENT, FIN, MGT, MKTG). Students should consider at least one internship for credit.		
Total Semester Hours		122

Year 1

Fall		S.H.
ENGL 1550	Writing 1	3
BUS 1500	Exploring Business	3
MATH 1552	Applied Mathematics for Management	4
ECON 2610	Principles 1: Microeconomics	3
GE: Social & Personal Awareness		3
Semester Hours		16

Spring		S.H.
ENGL 1551	Writing 2	3
ECON 2630	Principles 2: Macroeconomics	3
MGT 2604	Legal Environment of Business 1	3
GE: Natural Science		3
GE: Arts & Humanities		3
Semester Hours		15

Year 2

Fall		S.H.
ACCT 2602	Financial Accounting	3
CMST 1545	Communication Foundations	3
ENGL 3742	Business Writing	3
GE: Social & Personal Awareness		3
GE: Lab Science		4
Semester Hours		16

Spring		S.H.
ACCT 2603 & 2603L	Managerial Accounting and Managerial Accounting Spreadsheet Lab	4
ECON 3790	Statistics for Business and Economics	5

PHIL 2628	Business Ethics	3
MKTG 3702	Business Professionalism	1
Semester Hours		13

- Students will obtain an understanding of professional and ethical responsibilities and a recognition of and an appreciation for the need to engage in life-long learning.

Year 3**Fall**

FIN 3715	Planning Your Financial Future	3
FIN 3720	Business Finance	3
MKTG 3703	Marketing Concepts and Practice	3
MGT 3725	Fundamentals of Management	3
Upper Level Business Course		3
Semester Hours		15

Spring

FIN 3726	Risk Management (spring term only)	3
FIN 3730	Investment Planning	4
MGT 3761	Management Information Systems	3
BUS 3715	Principles of International Business	3
ACCT 4813	Federal Taxation 1	4
Semester Hours		17

Year 4**Fall**

ACCT 4815	Estate Planning (fall term only)	3
FIN 4833	Retirement Plans & Employee Benefits (fall term only)	4
Upper Level Finance Course		4
Upper Level Business Course		3
Semester Hours		14

Spring

FIN 4838	Financial Plan Development (spring term only)	4
MGT 4850	Strategic Management and Leadership	3
MGT 3789	Operations Management	3
Upper Level Business Course (internship recommended)		3
Upper Level Business Course		3
Semester Hours		16

Total Semester Hours		122
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ENGL 1550, ENGL 1551, Business Tool and upper level business courses (ACCT, ADV, BUS, ENT, FIN, MGT, MKTG) must be completed with the grade of a "C" or higher and cannot be taken credit/no credit.

To enroll in upper level Business courses students must have successfully completed ENGL 1550, ENGL 1551, PHIL 2628, CMST 1545, all Business Tool courses AND have a minimum 2.5 overall GPA.

Learning Outcomes

The student learning outcomes for majors within the Lariccia School of Accounting and Finance are as follows:

- Students will be able to identify, formulate, and solve discipline-specific problems within the context of business, ethical, and societal constraints;
- Students will learn to function and communicate (in writing and orally) both individually and within multidisciplinary teams;
- Students will develop enhanced technology skills by being exposed to assignments requiring advanced computer/spreadsheet knowledge, expanded presentation activity (e.g. PowerPoint in the oral-intensive courses), and required analysis of financial statements;
- Students will be given opportunities to work with and be exposed to the business community and professionals through internship opportunities, student organizations, and social functions;