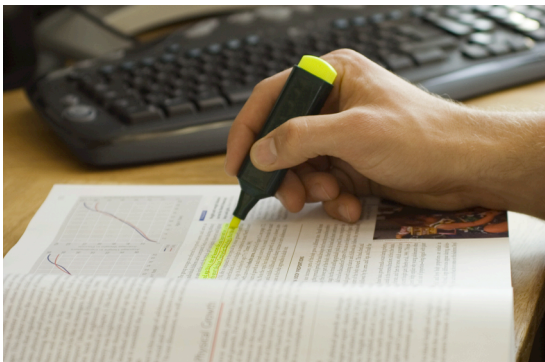


## What can I do with a Major in **Finance**?



**For more information on the Finance Major at the U of L:**

<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/undergraduate-programs/majors/management/fin>

### **Faculty of Management**

M2060 Markin Hall

Phone: 403-329-2153

Email: [undergrad.management@uleth.ca](mailto:undergrad.management@uleth.ca)

Student Club:

<http://www.uleth.ca/management/studentclubs>

Academic Advising:

<http://www.uleth.ca/management/student-advising>

### **The Finance Program at the University of Lethbridge**

Finance is the study of financial markets, financial instruments and investment decision-making. Finance incorporates basic economics, accounting and statistics in simple and complex mathematical models to simplify and study the complete economic reality of financing business and investments. From planning national policy to structuring the financing of major projects to managing personal investments, financial analysts interpret quantitative and qualitative information to manage money effectively.

As a finance major, students will study the essential elements of corporate finance and investments and then choose options such as global finance, portfolio management, financial institutions and markets, derivatives and financial modeling. Graduates of the Bachelor of Management program majoring in Finance follow two career paths: corporate finance or investments.

### **Skills Developed**

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • Ability to Learn Quickly                                        | • Computer Knowledge                    | • Persistent                  |
| • Ability to Maintain Confidentiality                             | • Confidence in Knowledge & Suggestions | • Persuasive                  |
| • Ability to Recognize the Dynamics & Politics of an Organization | • Empathetic                            | • Prepare & Organize Records  |
| • Ability to Work on a Team                                       | • Flexibility in the Workplace          | • Reading Comprehension       |
| • Accuracy & Precision in Dealing with Figures                    | • Good Negotiation Skills               | • Sharp Analytical Skills     |
| • Analyze & Interpret Data                                        | • High Ethical Standards                | • Strong Interpersonal Skills |
| • Communication Skills                                            | • Highly Motivated & Entrepreneurial    |                               |
|                                                                   | • Organizational Ability                |                               |

### **Work Environments**

Finance majors have a wide range of career opportunities available to them. Graduates may find employment with/in government, large corporations, banks and securities businesses, entrepreneurial firms, or not-for-profit organizations. Recent financial graduates have accepted positions in oil companies, banks and credit unions, stock brokerages, manufacturers, retailers, and small businesses.

Graduates may also find positions in private businesses, federal agencies, universities and research institutions, hospitals, finance companies, insurance firms, brokerage firms, real estate companies, investment trusts and firms, internal revenue services, and securities exchange commissions.

#### Key Areas of Specialization:

Estate Planning, Cash Flow Management, Investment Planning, Risk Management, Employee Benefits, Tax Planning, Financial Advising

### Entry Level Job Titles

These jobs are normally intended for new graduates and require 0 to 2 years of experience. It is important to note that many entry level positions require *some* related experience or demonstrated ability to perform job-related tasks. Even those positions that do not *require* experience will still prefer an experienced candidate, if one is available.

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| • Assistant Credit Analyst     | • Client Services Representative | • Junior Budget Consultant         |
| • Assistant Securities Analyst | • Commodities Trader             | • Junior Credit Counselor          |
| • Assistant Trust Analyst      | • Financial Advisor Trainee      | • Junior Portfolio Analyst         |
| • Bank Representative          | • Financial Representative       | • Loan Processor                   |
| • Bank Teller                  | • Foreign Exchange Trader        | • Mutual Fund Processor            |
| • Bookkeeper                   | • Insurance Sales Agent          | • Payroll Administrator            |
| • Budget Analyst Intern        | • Investment Research Intern     | • Personal Banking Officer/Trainer |
|                                |                                  | • Personal Financial Advisor       |

**Note:** The U of L offers various resources and programs to facilitate students in gaining work and volunteer experience. Find an entry level position on the [CES job board](#) or join the [Management](#) or [Arts & Science](#) Cooperative Education Programs. Summer jobs, part-time work, internship positions and volunteer experience help students to enhance their skillset and accumulate work experience for their future career.

### Related Job Titles

These jobs generally require extensive, relevant work experience and/or further education.

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| • Actuary                            | • Commodities Trader                            | • Financial Service Analyst    |
| • Area Manager for Business Banking  | • Commodity Trading Advisor/Manager             | • Financial Writer             |
| • Assistant Comptroller              | • Consumer Credit Officer                       | • Insurance Adjuster           |
| • Auditor                            | • Consumer Credit/Loan Officer                  | • Insurance Advisor            |
| • Bank Customer Service Supervisor   | • Cost Manager                                  | • Insurance Agent & Broker     |
| • Bank Examiner                      | • Credit and Collection Specialist              | • Insurance Underwriter        |
| • Bank Manager                       | • Credit Manager                                | • Internal Auditor             |
| • Banking Call Centre Senior Manager | • External Auditor                              | • Investment Advisor           |
| • Bankruptcy Specialist              | • Financial Analyst/Advisor                     | • Investment Analyst/Advisor   |
| • Chief Executive Officer            | • Financial Consultant                          | • Investment Banker            |
| • Chief Financial Officer            | • Financial Economist                           | • Loan Administrator           |
| • Chief Negotiations Advisor         | • Financial Planner                             | • Loan Administrator           |
| • Claim Adjuster                     | • Financial Reporting & Accountability Director | • Loan Officer                 |
| • Commercial Banker                  | • Financial Researcher                          | • Mergers/Acquisitions Manager |
| • Commercial Loan Officer            |                                                 | • Mortgage Associate           |
|                                      |                                                 | • Mutual Fund Manager          |

- Personal Loan Officer
- Property Manager
- Stock Broker
- Treasury Management Specialist
- Trust Analyst
- Underwriter

### Thinking Outside the Box: Other Possible Job Titles

On average, people change their careers three to five times in their lifetime. So, no matter what major you choose, you may still be interested in opportunities totally unrelated to your program of study. We encourage you to be open to all possibilities! Your undergraduate degree can be a springboard for other educational pursuits, and your transferable skills and experience can prepare you to work in a multitude of settings.

- Assessor
- Auctioneer
- Chief Administrative Officer
- Claims Adjuster
- Collections Agent
- Direct Seller
- Economist
- Entrepreneur
- Estate Planner
- Forensic Accountant
- Human Resources Professional
- Income Tax Specialist
- Industrial Buyer
- Internal Revenue Investigator
- International Trade Specialist
- Inventory Control Specialist
- Management Advisory Services Consultant
- Management Consultant
- Methods & Procedures Specialist
- Professor
- Purchasing Agents
- Real Estate Appraiser
- Real Estate Developer
- Reinsurance Analyst
- Sales Representative
- School Business Official
- Securities Broker
- Special Event Coordinator
- Statistician
- Systems Analyst
- Training and Development Professional
- Volunteers Coordinator

### Useful Resources

Recommended websites to assist in exploring the field of Finance and its career opportunities.

Alberta Treasury Board and Finance  
<http://www.finance.alberta.ca/>

Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Canada  
<http://www.fofa.ca/>

Department of Finance Canada  
<http://www.fin.gc.ca/>

The Financial Advisors Association of Canada  
<http://www.advocis.ca/>

Financial Consumer Agency of Canada  
<http://www.fcac-acfc.gc.ca/>

Association for Financial Professional  
<http://www.afponline.ca/>

Financial Markets Association of Canada  
<http://www.fmac.ca/>

Canadian Institute of Actuaries  
<http://www.actuaries.ca/>

Financial Planning Standards Council  
<http://www.fpsc.ca/>

The Investment Funds Institute of Canada  
<https://www.ific.ca>

Professional Credit and Financial Association of Calgary  
<http://www.pcfac.ca/>

Financial Post  
<http://www.financialpost.com/index.html>

## Campus Resources

Career & Employment Services (CES)

<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/ces/>

Career Counselling (Counselling Services)

<http://www.uleth.ca/counselling/>

Academic Advising

<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/academic-advising>

Native Student Advising

<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/native-student-advising>

Student Success Centre – Study Skills, Learning Strategies & Tutoring

<http://www.uleth.ca/student-success-centre/>

Accommodated Learning Centre

<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/accommodated-learning-centre/>

International Centre for Students

<http://www.uleth.ca/international/>

Registrar Office & Student Services

<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/>

Scholarship & Students Finance

<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/student-finance/>

U of L Students' Union & Student Clubs

<http://www.ulsu.ca/>

## Campus Job Resources

Career & Employment Services Job Board

[CES Job board](#)

Arts & Science Applied Studies

<http://www.uleth.ca/artsci/applied-studies/students>

Arts & Science Co-op Education & Internship

<http://www.uleth.ca/artsci/coop>

Management Co-op Education

<http://www.uleth.ca/management/co-op>

Study Abroad & Exchanges

<http://www.uleth.ca/international/content/study-abroad-exchanges>

Management Study Abroad & Exchanges

<http://www.uleth.ca/management/study-abroad>

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### Career & Employment Services (CES)

CES assists U of L students and graduates with their career exploration and work search needs.

AH154 Anderson Hall, Phone: 403-329-2000

Mon- Fri: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.