

# Business Administration, BS Finance Option

## Which employers have hired MSU Billings Finance graduates?

Eide Bailly	First Interstate Bank	Merrill Lynch Wealth Management
Stockman Bank	State of Montana	Northwestern Mutual
D.A. Davidson	Western Security Bank	Edward Jones
Fidelity Investments	Big Sky Economic Development	Wells Fargo

## What are the average annual wages and potential lifetime earnings for professionals working in the Finance field?

Occupation	Annual Mean Wage in MT*	Potential Lifetime Earnings*
Financial & Investment Analyst	\$85,270 - \$93,570	\$95,080 x 39 yrs = \$3,708,120
Budget Analyst	\$48,870 - \$75,420	\$82,260 x 39 yrs = \$3,208,140
Loan Officer	\$73,220 - \$81,240	\$65,740 x 39 yrs = \$2,563,860
Insurance Underwriter	\$49,620 - \$68,980	\$76,230 x 39 yrs = \$2,972,970
Personal Financial Advisor	\$143,320 - \$229,730	\$95,390 x 39 yrs = \$3,720,210

\* Based on the state mean and national median wage of occupation per the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Lifetime earnings are based on the national median wage.

## What percentage of Finance graduates report having a job after graduating?

Out of the 67% of 2023 Finance graduates that we received grad data on, **100% reported being employed\* after graduation.**

\* Employment includes employment in major, employment not in major, continuing education, and military service.

## Not sure if Finance is for you?

1. Take an introductory class in the program, such as Introduction to Business. Keep mental notes or a journal to track what you like and dislike!

## Employment opportunities with advanced degrees or experience:

- Actuary
- Financial Manager / Controller
- Certified Financial Planner (CFP)
- Certified Treasury Professional (CTP)
- Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA)



2. Get a part-time job in the field. Check out CareerLink by scanning the QR Code for the latest job openings!

# BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FINANCE

## Overview of the Finance program:

Finance deals with the concepts of time, money, risk, how they are interrelated, and how money is budgeted and spent. The finance option gives students a comprehensive understanding of the financial markets and their relation to banking and investments as well as to acquaint students with concepts and methods relevant to financial analysis and business management. The finance curriculum trains students in the useful methods, skills, and essential knowledge that are highly valued in the banking, financial, and consulting industries.

## What makes your program unique?

The business programs at MSUB are accredited by AACSB, the premier accrediting body ensuring quality in academic business programs. The standards required by AACSB accreditation put MSUB's College of Business and its programs in the top 5% of business schools in the world.

Courses are taught by professors with work experience in the financial field.

Students can also be part of the investment club where they learn about investments by actually investing \$50,000 in the markets. The funds are provided by a financial services firm in Billings.

## What students like most about the Finance program:

Students like the finance program because they gain hands-on experience in financial analysis, investment management, and financial modeling. They use publicly available real data and information in their assignments.

Students like the flexibility of taking classes in various modes. The finance courses can be completed in live classroom learning or through online classes. Some are also offered live remote through videoconferencing. This flexibility allows students to complete their degree wherever they are.

Finance majors can get internships and employment opportunities to work as bankers, financial analysts, dealers and traders, financial advisers, portfolio managers, corporate financial executives, and investment bankers in the region and beyond. Our finance program also prepares students for professional certifications and graduate education.



Program Webpage:

<https://www.msubillings.edu/cob/finance/index.htm>

