

# FINANCE

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## Overview

**Degrees Offered:** BAS

**Program Begins:** Fall, Spring, Summer

**Delivery Method:** Online, On Campus

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## Description

With a career as a financial professional, you can support industrial, financial, nonprofit, and government organizations. This program prepares students to plan, manage, and analyze the financial and monetary performance of an organization through application of finance theory to real-world situations via an internship.

Within this degree pathway, students have many options including applying previous college credit toward this degree or options to customize their degree to meet in-demand skills through stackable certificates in Accounting, Management, Entrepreneurship, Leadership, and Data Analytics.

## Preparation

This program is designed to allow a student to be admitted as either a transfer applicant or as a direct enrolled applicant. Refer to the Program Admission (p. 1) tab for additional admission requirements.

Students enrolling in the Finance BAS program as a transfer applicant may have earned any associate in applied science, associate in arts, or associate in science from an accredited institution recognized by Bismarck State College. Previous college coursework, along with industry experience and/or military training, may be considered to determine eligibility.

## Requirements

Students who complete the curriculum requirements can earn a Bachelor of Applied Science in Finance.

## Career Opportunities

Regional job statistics indicate 2,500+ job openings due to labor force shortages and occupational transfers created in the finance sector. Career opportunities include financial analyst, financial planner, stock analyst, stockbroker, auditor, banker, strategic finance manager, risk manager, purchase manager, budget analyst, procurement officer, or auditor. These are just a few of the most popular options available upon completion of a finance degree.

## College Admission

Review BSC's How to Apply page and complete the college admission requirements.

## Program Admission

The Bachelor of Applied Science in Finance is designed for qualified students to be directly admitted.

In addition to being admitted to BSC, students must meet program requirements based on their status:

### First-Year Applicant

A student who has no prior postsecondary experience or who has earned less than 24 semester credits or 36 quarter credits. Students who earned college credits while still in high school are considered first-year applicants.

Students must apply and be accepted at BSC as degree seeking, in addition to the following requirements:

1. Minimum high school cumulative grade point average – 2.00+
2. Completion of high school core course requirements:
  - a. English: four units
  - b. Mathematics: Algebra I or above – three units
  - c. Laboratory Science: three units
  - d. Social Science: three units

**Notes:**

- Successful completion of a GED exam meets the qualifications for both #1 and #2 above.
- Applicants 25 years of age or older on the first day of class are exempt from the high school core requirements.
- Students who don't meet requirements #1 and #2 will begin their college career in Financial Technologies AAS.
- After the completion of one semester of BSC enrollment with a 2.00 cumulative GPA, a student may request a program change into the Finance Bachelor of Applied Science program.

### **Transfer Applicant**

A student who has earned 24 semester credits or 36 quarter credits from an accredited post-secondary institution.

Students must apply and be accepted at BSC as degree seeking, in addition to the following requirements:

1. Cumulative grade point average – 2.00+ on all accredited post-secondary institutions attended.
2. Student must not be on dismissed or suspension status at their most recently attended institution.

#### **Notes:**

- Students who don't meet requirements #1 and #2 will begin their college career in Financial Technologies AAS.
- After the completion of one semester of BSC enrollment with a 2.00 cumulative GPA, a student may request a program change into the Finance Bachelor of Applied Science program.

### **Returning Applicant**

Returning to BSC following a break in enrollment or graduation.

Students must apply and be accepted at BSC as degree seeking, in addition to the following requirements:

1. Cumulative grade point average – 2.00+ on credits from all prior accredited post-secondary institutions attended, including BSC.
2. Student must not be on dismissed or suspension status.

#### **Notes:**

- Students who don't meet requirements #1 and #2 will begin their college career in Financial Technologies AAS.
- After the completion of one semester of BSC enrollment with a 2.00 cumulative GPA, a student may request a program change into the Finance Bachelor of Applied Science program.

## **Degree Plans**

- Finance Bachelor of Applied Science

## **Program Learning Outcomes**

Upon graduation, Finance students will be able to:

- Use analytic and quantitative techniques to understand data, make sound inferences, and make well-supported decisions.
- Apply business theories and concepts to practical problems.
- Develop and apply financial models and use datasets to make financial decisions.
- Apply best practices in financial management to make plans, organize projects, monitor outcomes, and provide financial leadership.