Build a portfolio of finance electives to support your career objectives. A finance-focused MBA education provides students with critical skills for building a career as a financial officer in a growing or established company, as an analyst in corporate development, investment management, investment banking and consulting, or as a generalist looking to be comfortable with extensive financial modeling and strategy.

**Spring of the First Year**
Any finance-focused MBA student should ensure there is room for the MBAX 6210 Applied Financial Management elective in the spring semester of their first year in the MBA program. Following immediately after MBAC 6060, the core finance course, Applied Financial Management serves to strengthen and extend the student’s understanding of the basic principles of finance. This combination of courses provides an important foundation for your second year elective courses. The suggestions for second year electives provided below all presume you have taken Applied Financial Management in your first year.

**Corporate Finance**
The Corporate Finance focus is for students interested in pursuing finance careers within a medium to large size corporation. Opportunities might include corporate financial planning and analysis, mergers and acquisitions, cash flow management, and securities issuance decisions.

These courses are highly recommended for a corporate finance portfolio:
- MBAX 6230 International Financial Management
- MBAX 6220 Investment Management and Analysis
- MBAX 6240 Markets, Institutions and Regulations
- MBAX 6250 Derivative Securities
- MBAX 6710 Financial Statement Analysis

**Entrepreneurial Financial Management**
The Entrepreneurial Financial Management focus is for students interested in a finance-related position with broad management responsibilities in a small- to mid-sized firm. Opportunities include being involved in a wide range of finance activities including financial planning and analysis, cash flow management, and obtaining financial capital.

These courses are highly recommended for an entrepreneurial financial management portfolio:
- MBAX6100 Entrepreneurship
- MBAX 6110 Entrepreneurial Finance
- MBAX 6150 Entrepreneurship and the Venture Capital Process

**Investment Management**
The Investment Management focus is for students interested in an investments-related career with a financial institution or intermediary. Opportunities include investment and securities management for a bank, insurance company, or other institutions or businesses engaged in security analysis and sales, investment decisions, and real estate management.
These courses are highly recommended for an investment management portfolio:

- MBAX 6220 Investment Management and Analysis
- MBAX 6240 Financial Markets, Institutions and Regulations
- MBAX 6250 Derivative Securities
- MBAX 6260 Fixed Income Investing
- MBAX 6610 Real Estate Finance and Investment Analysis
- MBAX 6710 Financial Statement Analysis

Financial Consulting
The Financial Consulting focus is for students interested in a career with a finance-related emphasis in a business consulting firm. Opportunities include corporate financial planning, firm valuation activities, and financial restructuring.

These courses are highly recommended for your financial consulting portfolio:

- MBAX 6250 Derivative Securities
- MBAX 6710 Financial Statement Analysis
- MBAX 6260 Fixed Income Investing

Investment Banking
The Investment Banking Track is for students interested in working for smaller or regional investment banking firms. Opportunities include being involved in valuing businesses, mergers and acquisitions, and security design and innovation.

These courses are highly recommended for your investment banking portfolio:

- MBAX 6220 Investment Management and Analysis
- MBAX 6110 Entrepreneurial Finance
- MBAX 6710 Financial Statement Analysis
- MBAX 6260 Fixed Income Investing

Finance Coursework Recommended for Other Career Tracks

Entrepreneurship: We recommend the following finance courses for students with an entrepreneurial focus:

- MBAX 6210 Applied Financial Management
- MBAX 6110 Entrepreneurial Finance
- MBAX 6710 Financial Statement Analysis
- MBAX 6250 Derivative Securities

Real Estate: We recommend the following finance courses for students with a real estate focus:

- MBAX 6210 Applied Financial Management
- MBAX 6110 Entrepreneurial Finance
- MBAX 6610 Real Estate Finance and Investment Analysis