

**SAMPLE Four Year Plan**  
**BS in Business Administration: Finance Area of Emphasis**  
**Catalog Year 2015-2016**

*The curriculum in the Leeds School of Business is structured so that students move through classes in a prescribed order. Prerequisites are important and are strongly enforced. This is a sample plan for completing a business degree in eight semesters. Students are not limited to this plan; it is meant to be used as a guide for planning purposes.*

### First Year

Fall	credits	
BCOR 1015: World of Business	3	
ECON 2010: Microeconomics	4	
MATH 1112: Mathematical Analysis in Business	4	
WRTG 1150/1250: Lower Div. Written Comm	3	
BADM 1250: First-Year Seminar	1	

Total: 15

Spring	credits	
BCOR 1025: Data Analysis	3	
ECON 2020: Macroeconomics	4	
BCOR 1030: Communication Strategy	3	
Choose: Arts & Sciences Core	3	
Choose: Arts & Sciences Core	3	

Total: 16

**First Year Advising Notes:** The classes recommended during the first two years are the same regardless of which area of emphasis you declare. BCOR 1015, BCOR 1025, MATH 1112, ECON 2010, and 26 credit hours completed are prerequisites to all other BCOR classes and should be finished by the end of the first year. If you are going to complete the Quantitative Finance Certificate, your first year classes will be different - speak to your academic advisor for information on the certificate.

**Goals:** Talk to your academic advisor about your interests and goals and begin to understand career options for finance majors. Begin to customize your plan--consider minor, certificate, and dual degree options. Explore student groups and join one that feels right for you - Finance students should consider the CU Finance Club and/or the CU Investment Club to learn more about finance and network with finance students. Apply for the Young Alumni Mentoring Program (YAMS) in the spring.

**After your first year:** Get a summer job to start building your resume and begin networking.

### Second Year

Fall	credits	
BCOR 2001: Principles of Mgmt & Mktg	3	
BCOR 2002: Principles of Acct & Fnce	3	
BCOR 2003: Business Law, Ethics & Soc. Resp.	3	
Choose: Arts & Sciences Core	3	
Choose: Arts & Sciences Core	3	

Total: 15

Spring	credits	
Integrated BCOR Semester	12	
FNCE 2010: Fundamentals of Financial Analysis	3	

Total: 15

**Second Year Advising Notes:** To stay on track, complete all BCOR classes by the end of your second year. If you are planning on a dual degree, minor, or certificate, see your advisor about how to best use your non-business electives. FNCE 2010 is a prerequisite to all other FNCE area courses.

**Goals:** Continue to explore finance careers and how your interests and skills might fit into a career path. Explore leadership positions within student organizations and apply for the Leeds Professional Mentoring Program in the spring. If you are considering studying abroad, research program options and talk to your advisor about how it will fit in your plan.

**After your second year:** Work with Career Development to pursue a finance internship.

## Third Year

### Fall

FNCE 3010: Corporate Finance	3	
FNCE 3030: Investment & Portfolio Management	3	
Choose: Business Elective Course	3	
Choose: Non-Business Elective Course	3	
Choose: Non-Business Elective Course	3	

Total: 15

### Spring

ACCT 3220: Corporate Financial Reporting	3	
FNCE 4040: Derivative Securities	3	
Choose: Business Elective Course	3	
Choose: Arts & Sciences Core	3	
Choose: Arts & Sciences Core	3	

Total: 15

**Third Year Advising Notes:** Study abroad is possible within this plan, and most students go for a semester during their third year. Talk to your advisor about how to adjust your plan for study abroad. Also consider the London Seminar-a summer program where you can study in London and earn 6 finance credits. The finance area of emphasis provides a minimum requirement for competence in financial analysis and decision-making. Career-specific finance tracks are suggested combinations of upper division elective finance courses that allow students to structure their learning in preparation for specific career paths. Track courses count as business electives.

**Goals:** Research specific career options. Attend the Leeds and campus career fairs as well as networking events and employer information meetings. Pursue a leadership position within a student organization or volunteer group. Get to know your professors, especially in your area of emphasis. Participate in a Career Trek to network and learn more about industries and companies.

**After your third year:** Work with the Career Development office to pursue a relevant internship. Take the GMAT if you are thinking about graduate school.

## Fourth Year

### Fall

Choose: Finance Track Class (Business Elective)	3	
Choose: Finance Track Class (Business Elective)	3	
Choose: Arts & Sciences Core	3	
Choose: Non-Business Elective Course	3	
Choose: Non-Business Elective Course	3	

total: 15

### Spring

FNCE 4850: Senior Seminar in Finance	3	
Choose: Finance Track Class (Business Elective)	3	
Choose: Arts & Sciences Core	3	
Choose: Non-Business Elective Course	3	
Choose: Non-Business Elective Course	2	

total: 14

**Fourth Year Advising Notes:** Apply for graduation online through MyCUInfo by September of senior year. Meet with your academic advisor for your required senior checkout appointment.

**Goals:** Work with Career Development to perfect your resume and cover letter, and start getting your applications out. Attend networking events, career fairs and employer information meetings. Talk to everyone you meet about your career goals and ambitions--you never know where a great opportunity might come from. Read professional journals and consider a student membership in a professional organization. Participate in a Career Trek.

## Optional Tracks in Finance

### Investment Banking Track:

FNCE 4830: Seminar in Investment Banking  
ACCT 3230: Corporate Financial Reporting 2  
FNCE 4050: Capital Investment Analysis

### Investment Management Track:

FNCE 4050: Capital Investment Analysis  
FNCE 4831: Seminar in Investment Management  
FNCE 4820: Special Topics: Fixed Income Securities

### Corporate Finance/Consulting Track:

ESBM 4570: Entrepreneurial Finance  
ACCT 3230: Corporate Financial Reporting 2  
FNCE 4050: Capital Investment Analysis

### Entrepreneurial Finance Track:

ESBM 4570: Entrepreneurial Finance  
INBU 4200: International Financial Management  
FNCE 4826: Exp. Seminar: Corporate Governance

### Commercial Banking Track:

FNCE 4000: Financial Institutions Management  
FNCE 4820: Special Topics: Fixed Income Securities

FNCE 4070: Financial Markets and Institutions

## Arts & Sciences Core

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Business students are required to complete general education requirements that are part of the Arts & Sciences Core Curriculum. These classes can be taken in any order as long as prerequisites are met. Most A&S Core classes will not specifically relate to your major, but will help develop essential career skills: high-level critical thinking, writing, and global perspectives. Students will choose classes from the following categories:

Historical Context-3 credits	Natural Science-6 credits
Human Diversity-3 credits	Literature & Arts (lower division)-3 credits
Ideals & Values-3 credits	Literature & Arts (upper division)-3 credits
US Context-3 credits	Written Communication (lower division)-3 credits

For a full listing of classes that fulfill these core categories, check your degree audit, or look online:  
[http://www.colorado.edu/ArtsSciences/students/undergraduates/core\\_curriculum.html](http://www.colorado.edu/ArtsSciences/students/undergraduates/core_curriculum.html)

## Non-Business Electives

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Leeds students are required to take 17 credits of non-business electives. If you have any MAPS deficiencies, the required MAPS classes typically count as non-business electives. Electives that business students will find helpful for their future career include classes in economics, technology, programming, math, communication and writing. Classes that involve numerical and statistical analysis will be especially helpful for business decision making. Although you can choose to take any non-business electives that interest you as long as you meet the prerequisites, we strongly encourage you to use your electives in a purposeful way that will help you to customize your program.

### Consider these options (some classes have prerequisites):

COMM 2500: Interpersonal Communication	MATH 1300: Analytic Geometry & Calculus 1
ECON 3070: Intermediate Microeconomic Theory	MATH 2300: Analytic Geometry & Calculus 2
ECON 3080: Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory	MATH 2400: Analytic Geometry & Calculus 3
CSCI 1300: Computer Science I	PSYC 1001: Intro to Psychology
ATLS 2000: The Meaning of Information Technology	PSYC 2606: Social Psychology

You can use Non-Business electives to complete a minor or certificate outside of Leeds such as:

Technology, Arts & Media	Economics
Computer Science	Math

## Business Electives

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Leeds students are required to take 15 credits of Business Electives. Any class taught in the Business School that is not required for BCOR or your area of emphasis can count. Consider a certificate or choose Optional Finance Track classes that will help you prepare for a career in finance. Classes required for a second area of emphasis could also count as Business Electives.

### In addition to an optional finance track, consider these options (some classes have prerequisites):

ACCT 3230: Corporate Financial Reporting II	MGMT 4210: Systems Thinking
ACCT 3320: Cost Management	MGMT 4220: Business Technologies
ACCT 4240: Advanced Financial Accounting	MGMT 4820: Business Analytics
ACCT 4250: Financial Statement Analysis	REAL 3000: Principles of Real Estate Practice
ESBM 3700: Entrepreneurial Environments	REAL 4000: Real Estate Law & Financing Instruments
MGMT 3030: Critical Leadership Skills	BADM 1260: First Year Global Experience (2 cr)
MGMT 3200: Business Intelligence	BADM 2010: Excel Lab (1 cr)

For a full listing of degree requirements and academic policies, consult the University Catalog:  
<http://www.colorado.edu/catalog/>