UC RIVERSIDE | School of Business
A. GARY ANDERSON GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
FINANCE
CONCENTRATION

Financial analysts use data to value assets and make data-driven decisions.

UCR's business administration major with a finance concentration ensures students attain proficiency in valuation, a fundamental skill applicable to all future finance careers. Finance career paths typically fall into three primary categories: investments, corporate finance, and commercial banking.

1. **Investments:** involves the valuation of assets including stocks, bonds, and venture capital to make informed investment decisions.
2. **Corporate finance:** encompasses the valuation of projects to identify the most beneficial and cost-effective initiatives for a company.
3. **Commercial banking:** combines real estate lending, banking services, and personal loans. Additionally, commercial banking may involve investing in companies, making it a blend of project and securities valuation.

WHY UCR?

No. 1
Public University for Social Mobility
U.S. News, 2020-2023

TOP 12
Public University Best Value Colleges
Forbes

Riverside has the
5TH HIGHEST JOB-GROWTH
pace in the U.S

38%
Students from underrepresented racial groups

54%
First-generation students

40
World-renowned research faculty members

6
Business-specific, faculty-led study abroad programs

18+
Professional business clubs

University Affiliate Program CFA Institute®

The Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a finance concentration at UCR is now a member of the CFA Institute's Affiliated University program. This signals a strong alignment between the curriculum and investment management practices, aiding students in CFA exam preparation. This affiliation also allows finance students to apply for institute scholarships for the CFA and Certificate in Investment Performance Measurement exams.

FINANCE

COURSES:

After completing the business administration degree core courses, you can choose among 80+ elective courses, including courses specifically designated to finance. The offerings span various depths, from Investments: Security Analysis and Portfolio Management to Current Topics in Finance and Entrepreneurial Finance.

BUSINESS & FINANCE INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

- Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA)
- Business Strategy Club (BSC)
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- Highlander Business Society
- Highlander Consulting Group
- Hylander Financial Group
- Hylander Student Investment Fund
- Latino Business Student Association (LBSA)
- Student Business Leadership Council (SBLC)
- Undergraduate Business Association (UBA)

KEY SKILLS YOU'LL GAIN:

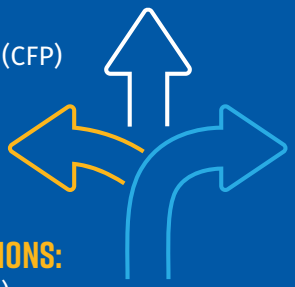
- Financial reporting and analysis
- Communication and presentation skills
- Risk management
- Strong command of markets
- Strong quantitative skills for financial modeling using Excel and other tools
- Strong analytical skills to make business recommendations from financial data and industry trends

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

Salaries for finance positions can range from $65,000 to $130,000 in California. Jobs vary significantly by industry, experience level, management function, and location. Additionally, financial analyst jobs are projected to grow by 8% in the U.S. from 2022-2032. No matter where you start, the opportunity for you to thrive in your career is significant.

POTENTIAL CAREER PATHS:

- Financial Analyst
- Certified Financial Planner (CFP)
- Financial Advisor
- Equity Analyst
- Loan Underwriter
- Investment Banker



UPPER MANAGEMENT POSITIONS:

- Chief Financial Officer (CFO)
- Director of Finance

MANAGE A OVER $200,000 INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO!

UC RIVERSIDE | Hylander Student Investment Fund

The Hylander Student Investment Fund at the UCR School of Business gives you hands-on, real-world experiences managing a financial portfolio! This experience is significant to add to your finance résumé as you build a career in investments. Learn more at hsifbusiness.ucr.edu.

TOP EMPLOYERS:

Goldman Sachs, J.P.Morgan, Wells Fargo, Bank of America, citi, pwc, EY, Google, amazon, accenture, SEC, Meta, Kaiser Permanente

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