Finance, BS

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Program Description

The finance department has a rich tradition of educating leaders who excel in all aspects of the discipline of finance. Whether ascending to the top ranks of the venture capital industry, executing multimillion dollar real estate deals or becoming successful entrepreneurs with their own ideas and drive, graduates of the BS program in finance from the W. P. Carey School of Business are equipped to succeed.

In particular, the Investment Banking Industry Scholars program mentors students interested in going to Wall Street. The student investment management fund provides undergraduates the opportunity to manage a real-world investment portfolio worth hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Finance department faculty members are considered among the top in the world. The professional advisory board, comprised of leading professionals from the financial services, manufacturing, energy, investment banking and real estate sectors, provides a sounding board for new ideas and is a resource of jobs for top graduates.

At a Glance

- **College/School**: W. P. Carey School of Business
- **Location**: Tempe campus
- **Additional Program Fee**: Yes
- **Second Language Requirement**: No
- **First Required Math Course**: MAT 210 - Brief Calculus
- **Math Intensity**: Moderate

Required Courses (Major Map)

2018 - 2019 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)
Accelerated Degrees

This program allows students to choose either a 2.5- or a 3-year path while participating in the same high-quality educational experience of a 4-year option. Students can opt to fast-track their studies after acceptance into a participating program by connecting with their academic advisor. Fast track options appear at the top of the major map.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.  
Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Additional Requirements:

Freshmen admission requirements: 1160 (prior to March 2016) or 1230 SAT Reasoning (after March 2016) OR 25 ACT score, OR graduated in the top eight percent of high school class, OR an overall high school GPA of 3.60 in ASU competency courses (scale is 4.00 = "A").

Freshmen should select an additional major when applying for admission. Additional choices may include any of the W. P. Carey business BA programs or any other degree program outside of the W. P. Carey School of Business. Students who are not admissible to a W. P. Carey business BS major and who did not select a second major or are not admissible to their second major choice will be placed in a business BA program in the W. P. Carey School of Business.

Readmission requirements: must meet freshman admission requirements by way of high school GPA, test score or class rank and must have a 3.00 transfer GPA (if applicable) and a 3.00 cumulative ASU GPA.

Transfer Admission Requirements

For students who hold 30 or more transfer credit hours after high school: 3.00 transfer GPA and one of the following: 1160 (prior to March 2016) or 1230 SAT Reasoning (after March 2016) OR 25 ACT score OR the student must have graduated in the top eight percent of their high school class.

Transfer students should select an additional major when applying for admission. Additional choices may include any of the W. P. Carey business BA programs or any other business or other degree program outside of the W. P. Carey School of Business.
Students with fewer than 45 transfer hours who are not admissible to a W. P. Carey School of Business major and who did not select a second major or are not admissible to their second major choice will be placed in the exploratory social and behavioral sciences program in the College of Integrative Sciences and Arts.

Students with more than 45 transfer hours who are not admissible to a W. P. Carey School of Business major and who did not select a second major or are not admissible to their second major choice will be prompted in My ASU to select a new major.

**Change of Major Requirements**

Students should refer to the following W. P. Carey website to determine if they meet change of major requirements: [https://students.wpcarey.asu.edu/degrees-and-advising/degree-programs/change-majors](https://students.wpcarey.asu.edu/degrees-and-advising/degree-programs/change-majors).

Students ready to change their major should submit their request through W. P. Carey's Advising SOS [https://apps.wpcarey.asu.edu/apps/advising/index.cfm](https://apps.wpcarey.asu.edu/apps/advising/index.cfm).

**Transfer Options**

ASU is committed to helping you thrive by offering tools that allow you to personalize your transfer path to ASU. Students may use the [Transfer Map search](https://students.wpcarey.asu.edu/degrees-and-advising/degree-programs/change-majors) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools, and resources and help students save time and money in their college journey. Learn more about these programs by visiting the [Admissions site](https://students.wpcarey.asu.edu/degrees-and-advising/degree-programs/change-majors).

**Global Opportunities**

**Global Experience**

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. [https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/)
The W.P. Carey School of Business recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in finance: http://links.asu.edu/SAO.finance.

**Career Opportunities**

Students majoring in finance are prepared for careers in:

- consulting
- corporate financial management
- depository institutions
- financial services
- investment banking
- investment management
- portfolio analysis

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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<th>Career</th>
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<td>Bank Branch Manager</td>
<td>18.7%</td>
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<td>Business Professor</td>
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<td>Certified Financial Planner (CFP)</td>
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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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